

POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

March 2008



QUILT RAFFLE

To benefit the John R. Winchester
Scholarship Fund
At Michigan State University

This quilt will be raffled at the Michigan
State Pow Wow on March 15th & 16th.

All proceeds are going to the John R.
Winchester Scholarship Fund. The quilt has
been donated and made by Julie Farver.

TRADITIONAL HEALER

Jake Pine

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways
Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our
community on these following dates to provide
his gift of healing to our people. To make an
appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk,
Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of
Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

March 26-28
April 30-May 2
May 28-30

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)

NATIVE DANCE

Those that are interested in learning how to do
various types of our male & female traditional
dances, please contact Rhonda Shingwauk,
Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of
Education @ 1-888-330-1234
by March 30th.

BAMA PI!

Pokagon Band Education Awards Banquet

Sunday, June 8th, 2008
Dinner at 5:00 pm, Awards at 5:30 pm

Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East, Fred L. Mathews
Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, Michigan

Registration deadline for the program is May 19th.
Questions? Please contact the Department of Education
at 1-888-330-1234.

The Pokagon Summer School Program

The Department of Education is pleased to announce its
plans for this year's summer school program!

Who: Native children entering K-6th grade in the 2008-2009
school year in the 10 county service area who are eligible for the
JOM and/or Title VII programs.

What: The program will focus on culturally based academics.

When: Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday June 30th - Thursday July 31st

Where: The Pokagon Head Start Building on the Rodgers Lake
Property

Why: To provide a summer of learning and fun!

Limited transportation will be available in areas local to
Dowagiac.

Summer School applications are available by contacting Marie
Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at
marie.willis@pokagon.com

**Applications are due in the Department of Education by
April 15th.**



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

**Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05**

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the PoThe dhes dorlssdrkagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or
impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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| Tuesday – 1 st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2 nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3 rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4 th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| <u>Each</u> Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

COMMITTEE CORNER

The Substance Abuse Task Force is also looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Kelly Curran at the Tribal Lodge, 269-782-6323 or 888-376-9988.

The Family Welfare Commission is looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Mark Pompey at the Department of Social Services, 269-782-8998 for an application.

The newly formed Conservation Club Committee would like to extend an open invitation for any interested members to serve on the committee. Please contact Kelly Curran @ 269-782-6323 or 1-888-376-9988. If there is another committee you are interested in serving on please submit your name for consideration. We are always looking for members who would like to participate on the committees. This is what helps make projects move forward.

The deadline for
membership submissions
for the April newsletter will
be March 14. Send
articles and
announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

roger.rader@pokagon.com



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Susan Laursen

Dowagiac, Michigan

Susan is the daughter of Laura Lou Cushway-Walters. Susan is 56 years old born in Pontiac, MI. and raised in Florida. She has two children and has been blessed with twelve (12) grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Food management as well as cooking has been her passion for many years.

Susan serves as vice-Chairperson on the Election Board. She has other activities like Pow-Wow's, MIEA, and caregiver for other elders, native crafts such as beadwork of many types is another interest. Susan hopes to be able to help with Elder's activities for many years to come.

Medicare B Attention Elders!

Please turn in a copy of your new Benefit Amount 2008 from Social Security if you are having Medicare Part B deduction and wish to have Pokagon Band Reimburse you the \$96.40. Any question please call Elders Hall 1-800-859-2717.



March 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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| 3 Vegetable Soup Turkey Sandwiches Peaches | 4 Baked Chicken In Mushroom Soup Stuffing Broccoli Applesauce | 5 Pancakes Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ | 6 Business Lunch Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Peach Cobbler | 7 Pizza Day Lettuce Salad Jell-O/Pears |
| 10 Potato Soup Grilled Cheese Veggies Mandarin Oranges | 11 Chicken Wings Lettuce Salad Baked Beans Peaches/Combread | 12 Taco Salad Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail/Jell-O | 13 Language Sloppy Joes Potato Salad Fresh Fruit | 14 Baked Fish Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Upside-down Cake |
| 17 Stuffed Cabbage Rolls Bratwurst Apple Crisp Dinner Rolls | 18 Barbeque Chicken Baked Potatoes Asparagus Berry Mix | 19 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ | 20 Social Lunch Turkey Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Tropical Fruit Salad | 21 Pork BBQ Sandwiches Waffle Fries Corn Peaches |
| 24 Chicken Noodle Soup & Dumplings Salad/Veggies Jell-O/Fruit | 25 Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit | 26 Chicken Stir Fry/Rice Angel Cake with Strawberries Dinner Rolls | 27 Language Beef Stroganoff and Noodles Broccoli/Cheese Peaches/Rolls | 28 Chili w/ground Turkey Salad Pears/Jell-O Combread |
| 31 Ham & Bean Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Salad Cornbread | | | | |

Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY
BEFORE if you are not a
regular attendee for meals

Meal service begins at
12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717





Shishibé is Coming

Three tribe Shishibé March 7th at Huron Band's community center. Call the Department of Education if you're interested in riding along. Limited space in the van, so please call early.

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(All that makes)

The Department of Education is creating a list for all Pokagons who are dancers, supply or food vendors, and for those who know how to make various traditional items such as:

Tanning Hides
Weaving
Beadwork
Basket Making
Shield Making
Stone/Bone Carving
Drum Making
Regalia
Quill Work
Other

This network will be a great way to give back to our community and come together as one to teach and learn from each other. If you would like to be on our contact list to possibly help teach upcoming and future events or workshops in our community, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

MIGWETCH!

Language Words (Time)

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| Morning it is | Waben |
| Noon | Nawkwe |
| Afternoon | Gishnawkwe |
| Dusk (getting dark/toward evening) | Nenséyak |
| Dawn | Waséyabek |
| Midnight | Abtedbekok |
| Today | Ngom |
| Yesterday | Nago |
| Tomorrow | Wabek |
| Last night | Debkok |

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the Pokagon Department of Education in Dowagiac on March 6th and 20th.

South Bend office classes are on March 13th from 7-9 p.m. Catch a ride at the Department of Education in Dowagiac. The van leaves at 5:30 p.m. and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, do to limited room in the van.

*****No class on the 27th*****

Elders classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Camp is coming! Register your children now!

Session I: For Native youth entering grades 7th - 12th in Fall 2008

Dates: Sunday, June 15th-Thursday, June 19th

Session II: For Native youth entering grades 2nd - 6th in Fall 2008

Dates: Thursday, June 19th-Saturday, June 21st

Camper applications are available by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at marie.willis@pokagon.com

Applications are due in the Department of Education by April 15th.

Attention High School and College Students:

If you are interested in receiving a weekly on-line Higher Education newsletter focusing on scholarships, internships, and other higher education information, please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com or scholarship@pokagon.com or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.

Attention Pokagon College Graduates:

The Department of Education is planning on creating a Pokagon Alumni Network to help current and future Pokagon college students. If you are interested in finding out more information on how you can be a part of this network, please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education, by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com or scholarship@pokagon.com or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.



Students of the Month

March

Leanna Lewis is a 12 year old, 6th grader at Lakeshore Middle School in Stevensville. She is the daughter of Derek Black and Terri Lewis and a sister to Michael Lewis and Brooke Pennington. Leanna received citizenship awards last year from Lakeshore Middle School. When she is not in school studying her favorite subject Social Studies, Leanna enjoys the tribal Christmas party, pizza, basketball and video games. Leanna wants to design video games when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Leanna!



Justin Randolph is a 13 year old 9th grader at Northside Middle School in Elkhart. He is the son of Tonia and Howard Randolph and a brother to Elizabeth. At school Justin's favorite subject is Math! Outside of school he enjoys Play Station 3, football, basketball, the tribal Christmas party and Pow Wows. Justin would like to play football professionally as a wide end receiver, but in the meantime racing mini stock cars will be a highlight this year. Keep up the good work, Justin!



Kaitlyn Stull is a 12 year old 6th grader at Patrick Hamilton Middle School in Dowagiac. She is the daughter of Craig and Jill Checkly and a sister to Jared and Zach. At school Kaitlyn's favorite subjects are Math and Science! She has received student of the month at Kincheloe Elementary School and outside of school she has received numerous dancing awards. Kaitlyn enjoys soccer, basketball, and Pow Wows. Keep up the good work, Kaitlyn!



Alexis Winchester is a 13 year old 7th grader at Dowagiac Junior High School. She is the daughter of John Winchester and Katherine Harmon, a sister to Ashley Harmon, and a step-sister to Lance, Anthony, Julian, Jayda and Lauren. At school Alexis is quite the artist. Her art is often displayed and used as examples by her teacher. She can also write in Greek, Spanish, and Potawatomi. Outside of school Alexis has participated in many tribal programs including: language classes, tutoring, enrichment labs, summer camp, science camp, Native American craft classes, the tribal Christmas party, and Pow Wows. She also enjoys cheerleading, skateboarding, football, and playing the guitar. Alexis wants to be a zoologist when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Alexis!



Samantha May is a 9 year old 4th grader at Davis Elementary School in Decatur. She is the daughter of Jason May and Kimberly Morsaw, the grand-daughter of Pamela McGlothlin, and a sister to Derek Morsaw. We are proud to say that Samantha has perfect attendance and straight A's! When she's not studying her favorite subject Spelling, she enjoys participating in arts and crafts, Decatur public library activities, tribal Christmas parties and preparing for the 5K walk/run at her school. Samantha wants to be a lawyer when she grows up. Keep up the good work, Samantha!



Attention High School Seniors:

The Department of Education, through the High School Senior Success Program, can offer assistance in completing your senior year and in preparing for college in the following ways:

- Reimbursement of college entrance exam fees. We will pay for one ACT or SAT exam.
- College Application fees. We will pay for application fees up to \$100.
- Reimbursement of graduation gown.
- Providing you with information about the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities.

We also want to acknowledge your success! We are planning to highlight high school seniors in the June newsletter. If you are interested in having your photograph featured and your future plans highlighted, please contact the Department of Education by April 15th for more information.

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com.



Wanted: Summer Youth Camp Staff

The Department of Education is currently accepting applications for the following positions for the Pokagon Summer Youth Camp 2008:

Camp Counselors

Camp Cook

Camp Lifeguard

Dates needed:

Sunday June 15th to Saturday June 21st.

Interested? Applications can be obtained in the following ways:

By e-mail. Contact Marie Willis at:
marie.willis@pokagon.com

By phone. Contact the Department of Education at: 1-888-330-1234.

Applications are due by **Friday, March 14th**.

Any questions? Please contact Marie Willis, the Director of Education by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com or by telephone at 1-888-330-1234.

Pokagon Band Head Start March News

Make Up Days (Headstart)

In an effort to ensure we have 128 school days in by May 15, 2008, we will be offering four make-up days at the end of April and the beginning of May. These will be half days on Friday's 8:30-12:00. We will serve breakfast and lunch. Children can be dropped off at 8:15 and must be picked up at 12:00.

Transportation will not be offered these days. The make-up days are 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, and 5-2. More information will follow soon.

March's Calendar (Headstart)

March 9th- Daylight Saving time begins (set clocks forward (1) hour)

March 23rd - Easter Sunday

March 24th - Closed in observance to Easter

March 27th - Family Fun Night (Presentation on Second Hand Smoke)

March 31st - April 4th - Spring Break

March Birthday's

Molly 17th

Carson 29th

Annabelle 30th

Tribal Council

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
53237 Townhall Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Aanii,

On behalf of the Michigan Indian Elders Association I extend to you our most sincere appreciation for your very generous donation of \$500 to our Scholarship Program. Your support to one of our two student based programs helps us to reach out to those young people who, we hope, will one day take on the responsibility of protecting our sovereignty and maintaining and preserving the traditions of all Anisinabe.

Since 2002, the major emphasis of the Michigan Indian Elders Association has been to bridge the gap between our Elders and our youth. We are doing this by recognizing and rewarding academic achievement. Your generosity allows us to reach out to one more student.

If you don't already know, your Elder Council has also sponsored a \$500 scholarship. They are a fine bunch of people who have always taken an active role in our Association. You should be very proud of the way they represent your Band.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Menard, President
Michigan Indian Elders Association

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

Don't forget about the College Scholarships and the Student Incentive awards that MIEA is offering.

The College Scholarships must be returned before June 18, 2007 and Incentive Awards before April 1, 2007.

For complete information contact the Education Department.



Pokagon Band Head Start **March News**

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We will be accepting pre-applications at the beginning of February for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/ selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008

to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 8, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to come help at the Center. Volunteers can help with reading to the children or just spending time in the classroom, helping in the kitchen, or helping in the office. If you are interested please call the Center at 269-783-0026.

Donations are always greatly appreciated as well.

Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls, one time use cameras, and play dough. Other donations that are good at this time of the year are hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants, and boots for ages 3-5 years. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them by the Center.



Want to become a foster parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially

in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency: 800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Inteus, you are finally a big borthor! Hope you have lots of fun with your new baby sister. As for your baby brother....???
Love Mommy and Daddy

Congratulations Ricardo and Lisa Abundes on the arrival of Kayla Victoria Abundes. Born 1-29-08. 8 Lbs. 4 oz. 19 1/2 inches. The proud Grandparents are Dorothy and Reynaldo Lopez Sr.

Great Grandma is Dorothy Burgh.

Happy 40th Birthday to "Poopers" --- From Auntte, Bish, Pooh Bear, Whitey, J, Poppa, CC Rider, Uncle Corner, Tiges, Snoogs, Miss Rae, Cam Man, R Van Heineken, Markie, YaYa, Otta, Uncle Harve, D & J, Bella & Tar Tar.

Happy 15 month birthday, Joseph Lopez. Happy 5th Birthday Leslie Nicole Lopez.



Christian Dean Morseau was born on Oct. 7, 2007. Weighing 7 lbs. 1 ounce and 19 inches long. His parents are Angel Morseau and James Stein Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOM JOYCE M. (WESAW) GREEN

March 17, 1932 – November 8, 2003

Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same, we have to hide our heartache, when someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that loved you, silent the tears that fall, living our lives without you, is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true, and when we needed someone, we could always count on you. the special years will not return, when we were all together, but with the love within our hearts, You will walk with us forever.

Love, Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen and Sherry
Grandkids and Great-Grandkids



Happy 6th Birthday Alexis Harmon
February 28th
With All Our Love, Mom,
Dad, Cheyenne, Cody,
and Your Guardian Angel Grammy



Happy Birthday, Henry
Jefferson Grubb II
Happy Birthday Son! Love
Mom and Dad.



Happy Birthday Twins.
Ardianna and Brianna Morseau Mares. I hope your birthday is full of laughter and fun. You have brought a lot of happiness to our family. We love you bunches.
Tia
Waub Nimki Qua

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

We miss you and love you Richard Burgh (3-24-07)

Love, Dorothy - Your wife Dorothy - Your Daughter Richard and David - your Sons All your grandchildren and great grand children.



Happy Birthday. A ghost na na. I hope your birthday is filled with beautiful memories. I know the creator has given you many gifts, like the time you saw an angel and was only four years old. Not many people get that privilege.

Love Nuc - mus mus
Waub nimki Qua.

Happy 16th birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Elliot on March 3.

Also congratulations on being named queen of the Winter Fest at Monroe High School.

We love you and are so proud of you Love Gram and Gramp Parrish



Happy Birthday Clyde Brazie Jr. on March 21st. Congratulations on the following achievements.

Hartford School Honor Roll
Business Professionals of America
Regional Competition at SWMC
Place in Cisco Computer Division
Eligible to participate in the State Competition at
AMWAY Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, in March.

Great Job, we are very proud of you.
Dad, Mom, and Justin Brazie, Grandma Skipper
Good Luck!



Happy 8th Birthday Myrriam Grubb.
From you Mom and Dad.



Announcing the birth of our new baby girl. A'zhani Del Socorro Simon-Dixon 9 Lbs. 1 oz. 20 3/4 inchies. January 18th, 2008. Parents, Melody Dixon and Oscar Simon-Santes. Grandparents, Terry and Adeline Dixon. Great Grandparents, (late) Mitchell Lewis and (late) Geraldine Sturgeon.

Happy Birthday to
Aaron Robert Horner
on March 24th...
Get a haircut.

-yer uncle.



Congratulations Inteus on winning 1st place in the national Pizza Hut Coloring Contest. Although you didn't win the grand drawing, you are my "Big Winner"! I am so proud of you! Love, Mommy and family.

Happy 6 month birthday to the twins Richard and Robert Lopez. Proud parents are Robert Shawna Lopez. Grandparents Dorothy and Reynaldo Burgh. Great Grandma, Dorothy Burgh.



Tribal Council Directory

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council

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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an “on-call” basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- ❖ criminal background
- ❖ motor vehicle report
- ❖ work history
- ❖ references
- ❖ tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- ❖ DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

**Pokagon Band
Administrative Office
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047**

POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

April 2008

Pokagon Band

Summer Enrichment Program

Applications are due to the
Pokagon Band Department of
Education by April 15th!

Do you want to learn
something this summer?

If you are going into the
7th through 12th grade in
the 2008-2009 school year and from
June 1st to August 31st plan to:

- Attend an enrichment camp,
- Participate in workshops,
- Attend life skills programs,
- Take pre-college summer classes, or
- Attend conferences

ARE YOU GOING
INTO 7TH THROUGH
12TH GRADE?

You can apply for the Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program! If your application is randomly selected by Tribal Council you could receive up to \$500 to attend enrichment programs! Call the Department of Education for an application.

If you have any questions call the Department of Education at
(269)782-0887 or toll free (888)330-1234
or email Marie Willis at marie.willis@pokagon.com.

Nekomas/Mishomas Scholarship and Incentive Fund

Incentive rewards for grades K-12 are to be awarded in the month of June during the Pokagon Student Awards Banquet.

For more information, or to apply for the Scholarship Fund, contact the Education Department at (888)-330-1234

"Living the Good Life" Womens Talking Circle

The "Mno-Bmadziwin Kwek Kigdownen Wawyewen" has met four times since January. Jake Pine, Traditional Healer, met with at our third gathering and shared much Traditional knowledge with us. At our last gathering, we shared teachings on the womens' responsibility for the Water Ceremonies within our Nishnabe community.

The next gathering will be on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the Teaching Cabin near the pow wow grounds at Rogers Lake. Please wear your skirts, bring your hand drums, rattles and a snack to share. The women of this group welcome all Nishnabek kwek of other Nations and the non-Native mothers of Nishnabe children.

Wewene, Cleora Morseau and Majel DeMarsh
(269) 783-0026 - work number at Head Start

Notice

The 2007 Annual Performance Report is available for review at the Department of Housing office, 32142 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047.

This is a report of the various programs within the Department of Housing that are funded through the Native American Housing And Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). These grants are the primary source of funds for the Department of Housing.

Attention Elders Soon to be 55 years old!!

Please contact Elder Specialist at Elders Hall
1-269-782-0765 or 1-800-859 2717 so an application can be sent to you. Thank You.

NAMING A BENEFICIARY

The Pokagon Band Burial Fund Code on February 18, 2008 by the adoption of Tribal Council Resolution No. 08-02-18-04 sections 4 and 9 were amended. A portion of those amendments includes the "Naming of a Beneficiary". A "Named Beneficiary" is the person identified by the decedent, who is to receive the remainder, if any, of the Burial Benefits, following the payment of costs. The decedent must identify the person by completing a Beneficiary Designation Form. Please note: minor children need not have a beneficiary designated. Forms are available on the Pokagon Website by clicking on the Department of Social Services and then clicking on Burial Fund or by contacting the Department of Social Services at the number listed below.

After completing the Designation of Beneficiary Form, please return it to the Department of Social Services at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Please note that this form must be notarized. For additional information, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 782-8998.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions Moteded by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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| Tuesday – 1 st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2 nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3 rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4 th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| <u>Each</u> Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

COMMITTEE CORNER

The Substance Abuse Task Force is also looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Kelly Curran at the Tribal Lodge, 269-782-6323 or 888-376-9988.

The Family Welfare Commission is looking for active members to join. If you are interested please contact Mark Pompey at the Department of Social Services, 269-782-8998 for an application.

The newly formed Conservation Club Committee would like to extend an open invitation for any interested members to serve on the committee. Please contact Kelly Curran @ 269-782-6323 or 1-888-376-9988. If there is another committee you are interested in serving on please submit your name for consideration. We are always looking for members who would like to participate on the committees. This is what helps make projects move forward.

The deadline for
membership submissions
for the May newsletter will
be April 14. Send
articles and
announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

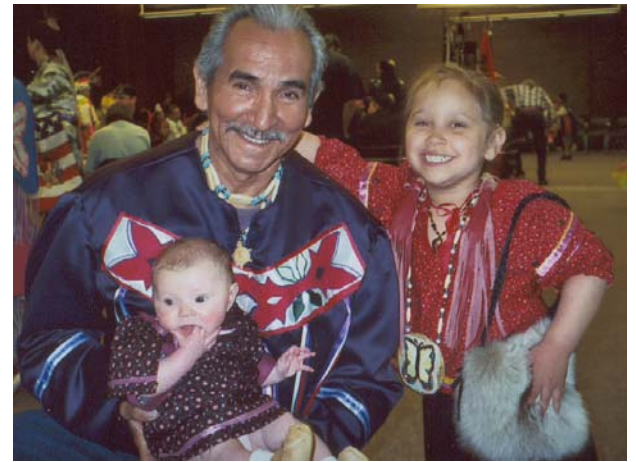
newsletter@pokagon.com



Elder of the Month John J. Morseau

I'm John J. Morseau. Born in Dowagiac, MI. Raised on the south end of town. The wasn't many Nishnabe living there; I guess you could call me a veteran from the south end of Dowagiac. That being the Morseau's were the last family to move out, don't take it the wrong way, I had and still do a lot for friends from the south end. To this day, I still have a very close friend in Robert Linn. I love sports, I've done a lot of bowling, basketball, softball, I haven't excelled in any yet, except for softball (almost). I'm 62 and I'm still playing. My favorite college is of course Michigan (Go Blue!). My brothers and sisters are Raymond (punk), Leonard Morseau (Sweetum), Tom Morseau, we used to call him Dum Dum, and he wasn't really

dumb, it was just a nickname. Of course, my mother Madelene (Augusta) Morseau, and my dad Raymond Morseau who I loved especially my mother who I talk to everyday. I also have brothers, Francis and Ron Morseau and my sisters, Marie Morseau (Manley) who is on Council whom I'm very proud of. I have a sister, Cathy Ford, who lives in Ann Arbor and she loves U of M also. I also have my own family: My daughters Rechelle Morseau (Herman), and Shannon Lynette Morseau (Adam) and my baby- Sonya J. Moreau, the J. of course stands for John. And also my son Cody Allen Eberhard. I also have 7 grandchildren-Derrick Hiler, Nathan Hiler, Jessica Herman, Skylar R. Herman, Logan Hiler, Presley Blake Adam, Kady W. Wesaw. My own family means everything to me. I hope to be around when they are all grown up. Thanks to whoever chose me to be elder of the month.



Pokagon Band Elder's Hall

MONDAY

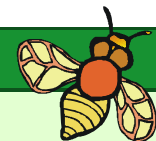
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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| | 1 Fish Baked Sweet Potato Green Beans Wheat Bread Fresh Fruit | 2 Tuna/Pea Salad Baked Beans Lettuce/Salad Berries | 3 Business Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit Salad/Rolls | 4 Pizza Day Lettuce/Salad Mandarin Oranges/ Jell-O |
| 7 Minestrone Soup Grilled Ham/Cheese Sandwiches Pineapple | 8 Chicken Alfredo Lettuce/Salad Wheat Bread Peaches | 9 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ | 10 Language Hot Roast Beef/Au Jus Home Made Potato Salad Pears | 11 Taco Day W/ Ground Buffalo Meat Lettuce, Tomatoes Refried Beans, Cheese Fruit |
| 14 Potato or Pea Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Fruit Cocktail/Jell-O | 15 Spaghetti W/Turkey Lettuce/Salad Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese Pineapple | 16 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Berries OJ | 17 Social Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Wheat Bread/Peaches | 18 Beef Franks Waffle Fries Onion Rings Baked Beans/Fruit |
| 21 Chili W/Ground Turkey Lettuce/Salad Fruit Salad Cornbread | 22 Cheeseburgers Macaroni Salad Bean Salad Jell-O/Fruit | 23 Beef Stroganoff Asparagus Pears/Cottage Cheese Wheat Bread | 24 Language Baked Chicken Wild Rice Green Beans Wheat Bread/Fruit | 25 Boiled Dinner (sausage, potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread Tropical Fruit |
| 28 Chicken Noodle Soup And Dumplings Lettuce/Salad Banana Pudding | 29 Baked Chicken Baked Potato Peas Wheat Bread Pineapple | 30 Sloppy Joes Macaroni & Cheese Corn Mandarin Oranges | | |

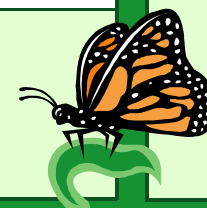


Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY
BEFORE if you are not a
regular attendee for meals

Meal service begins at
12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717





The following is a list of members that have yet to verify there address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

Pokagon Band Enrollment Office
32141 Edwards St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(888) 782-1001

| <u>Enroll #</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Middle</u> | <u>Last</u> | <u>Suffix</u> | <u>Enroll #</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Middle</u> | <u>Last</u> | <u>Suffix</u> |
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| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk | | 1303 | Josephine | Nmn | Griffith | |
| 0050 | Joseph | Wayne | Sisk | | 1313 | Melissa | Lois | Evans | |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk | | 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw | |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson | | 1406 | Orville | Arthur | Goss | Jr |
| 0099 | Richard | Allen | Sturgeon | | 1445 | Michael | David | Bush | |
| 0187 | Codie | Gerald | Grigsby | | 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard | |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau | | 1538 | Dawn | Marie | Mendoza | |
| 0203 | Joseph | Nmn | Morseau | | 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter | |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau | | 1788 | Amanda | Renee | Underwood | |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau | | 1791 | John | Allen | Holley | |
| 0332 | Robert | Allen | Ser | II | 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien | |
| 0390 | Alex | Wayne | Goodrich | | 2005 | Jeffrey | Lewis | Cunningham | |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt | | 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins | |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty | | 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier | |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty | II | 2096 | Terry | Ellen | Taber | |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty | | 2101 | Elizabeth | Anntoinette | Barbera | |
| 0429 | Lora | Roxann | Adams | | 2109 | Nickolle | Lea | Drane | |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray | | 2138 | Laura | Marie | Duddy | |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie | | 2183 | Coy | George | Davison | IV |
| 0449 | Robert | Johnathon | Hicks | Jr | 2273 | Joseph | Jerome | Trudeau | II |
| 0451 | Karrie | Lynn | Rusinek | | 2391 | Forrest | Lee | Sierminski | |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis | | 2417 | Julius | Edward | Williams | |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw | | 2428 | Rachele | Nmn | Loonsfoot | |
| 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra | | 2453 | Daryl | Evan | Fortner | |
| 0521 | Gloria | Anne | Hamstra | | 2506 | Petrina | Rae | Atwood | |
| 0522 | Lynne | Renee | Hamstra | | 2600 | Matthew | Thomas | Kossow | Jr |
| 0523 | Anthony | Lee | Hamstra | | 2607 | Amanda | Sue | Fick | |
| 0796 | Jill | Angelia | Campbell | | 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson | |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger | | 2650 | Andrea | Rene | Rider | |
| 0851 | Colleen | Patricia | O'Brien | | 2656 | Dayna | Marie | Springer | |
| 0859 | Kevin | Arthur | Perry | | 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner | |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antidel | | 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner | |
| 0898 | Paul | Isaac | Gibson | | 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody | |
| 0934 | Shelly | Marie | Weesaw | | 2779 | Johnny | H | Hill | Jr. |
| 0970 | Orville | K Joseph | Starrett | | 2784 | Michael | Francis | Pillow | |
| 0999 | Mark | Anthony | Drane | | 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh | |
| 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green | | 2790 | Kenneth | Alan | Stahl | |
| 1060 | Chasity | Lynn | Martin | | 2794 | Tony | Lee | Horn | |
| 1066 | Richard | Allen | Ashby | | 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway | |
| 1099 | James | Watson | Lewis | | 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos | |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins | | 2855 | James | Edward | Bush | |
| 1195 | Sheldon | Wesley | Novencido | | 2952 | John | Anthony | Montano | |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown | | 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington | |
| 1259 | Melissa | Kay | Marunycz | | 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider | |
| 1265 | Daniel | Silas | Bush | | 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado | |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield | | 4023 | Damien | Walter | Kelman | |



April Students of the Month



CORRINE KASPER

Corinne Kasper is 12 years old. She is in the 7th Grade and attends Dowagiac Middle School. Corinne is the daughter of Frances Kasper and Christine Daughtery. Corinne has a brother, Michael, and a sister, Casey.

Corinne likes to eat spaghetti and enjoys classic rock music. Corinne has participated in tribal summer camp and the Award Ceremony. Corinne is on the A-Team basketball team. She enjoys playing basketball and softball.

Corinne's favorite school subject is math. She has received all A's and is on the honor roll with perfect attendance. She wants to be a money manager in finance when she grows up.



ANDREW CRIFFIELD

Andrew, fourteen, is in the 8th Grade at Bangor Middle School. His is the son of Raymond and Sharion Criffield and the brother of Tabitha, Tausha, Cassey, and Raymond. He has attended the Pokagon Band Christmas Parties. Social Studies and Health are two of Andrew's favorite classes. Recently, he was selected as "Student of the Month" at Bangor Middle School. His other "favorites" are pizza, soccer, and playing guitar with his friends. He plans to join the Air Force after graduation. Andrew is proud that he set a goal to be to be the Middle School Football team's wide end receiver and he did it!



ZACHARY MacKELLAR

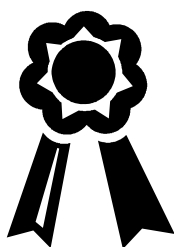
Zachary is fourteen and in the 9th Grade at Decatur High School. His parents are Andrea and Nate MacKellar and Lucas is his brother. Zachary likes Math, pizza, drawing, and playing "360" and "Wii". His favorite sport, wrestling, has brought him medals and lots of fun experiences.



MATTHEW MORRIS

Matthew is a six-year-old Kindergartener at South Bend's Lincoln Elementary School. Melissa and Matthew are his parents and Jacob, Patrick, Anthony, and Samantha are his brothers and sister. Matthew enjoys puzzles and playing volleyball, "V-Smile" and "Mario" and eating pizza. His favorite activity at school is drawing. Pow wows are another of his "favorites". When Matthew grows up, he wants to be a Doctor.

Pokagon Band Education Awards Banquet



Sunday, June 8th, 2008

Dinner at 5:00 pm, Awards at 5:30 pm

Southwestern Michigan College

Mathews Conference Center East, Fred L. Mathews

Library and Conference Center

58900 Cherry Grove Road, Dowagiac, Michigan

Registration deadline for the program is May 19th. Questions?

Please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Application forms are available at the Education Department!

Attention High School Seniors

The Department of Education, through the High School Senior Success Program, can offer assistance in completing your senior year and in preparing for college in the following ways:

- Reimbursement of college entrance exam fees- We will pay for one ACT or SAT exam
- College Application fees- We will pay for application fees up to \$100
- Reimbursement of graduation gown
- Information about the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities

We also want to acknowledge your success! We are planning to highlight high school seniors in the June newsletter. If you are interested in having your photograph featured and your future plans highlighted, please contact the Department of Education by April 15th for more information.

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com.



The Pokagon Summer School Program



The Department of Education is pleased to announce its plans for this year's summer school program!

Who: Native children entering K-6th grade in the 2008-2009 school year in the 10 county service area who are eligible for the JOM and/or Title VII programs.

What: The program will focus on culturally based academics.

When: Mondays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday June 30th - Thursday July 31st

Where: The Pokagon Head Start Building on the Rodgers Lake Property

Why: To provide a summer of learning and fun!

Limited transportation will be available in areas local to Dowagiac.

Summer School applications are available by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at marie.willis@pokagon.com

Applications are due in the Department of Education by April 15th.

Native Nations Youth Council Membership Meetings

The next two regular Native Nations Youth Council Meetings are:

- Saturday, April 12th at 1 pm at the Tribal Council Lodge, Dowagiac
- Saturday, May 10 at 1 pm at the Mishawaka Office

If you are in the 7th -12th grades and are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

If you are interested in transportation from the Dowagiac Office on May 10th to attend the meeting at the Mishawaka location, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

Educational Opportunities at the Indiana Universities

There are undergraduate and graduate opportunities for Potawatomi at Indiana universities. The Tecumseh Project at Purdue University provides opportunities for Potawatomi who wish to pursue an education in science or engineering or any of the many graduate programs offered by Purdue University. Indiana University Bloomington has graduate and undergraduate opportunities for American Indians and has recently opened the First Nations Education and Cultural Center (FNECC). Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) has hired a Potawatomi from Oklahoma, Johnny Flynn, PhD, as the new director of American Indian Programs. IUPUI has a world-class museum studies program and opportunities for internships at the Eiteljorg Museum located in Indianapolis, just a stone's throw from the Colts stadium. There are several additional programs to consider and for more information please feel free to contact Dr. Flynn at jopflynn@iupui.edu or Marie Willis, Director of Education at marie.willis@pokagon.com or at 1-888-330-1234.

Pokagon Summer Camp

Camp is coming! Register your children now!

Session I: For Native youth entering grades 7th - 12th in Fall 2008

Dates: Sunday, June 15th-Thursday, June 19th

Session II: For Native youth entering grades 2nd - 6th in Fall 2008

Dates: Thursday, June 19th-Saturday, June 21st

Camper applications are available by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, at 1-888-330-1234 or at marie.willis@pokagon.com

**Applications are due in the
Department of Education by April 15th.**

Just a Friendly Reminder:

There are several applications due to the Department of Education by April 15th. The applications are for the following summer programs:

Pokagon Summer Camp

Who is eligible: Any Pokagon youth and any JOM eligible Native American youth entering grades 2nd -12th in the Fall.
For youth entering grades 7th-12th:

Sunday, June 15th-Thursday, 19th

For youth entering grades 2nd-6th:

Thursday, June 19th- Saturday, June 21st

Pokagon Summer School:

Who is eligible: Any Pokagon youth and any JOM eligible Native American youth entering grades K-6th in the Fall.

Dates of summer school: Mondays-Thursdays, June 30th-July 31st, No class on Thursday, July 3rd

Pokagon Band Summer Youth Internship Program

Who is eligible: Any Pokagon youth who will be attending school (through 12th grade) in the Fall who are from 14-18 yrs old

Dates of Summer Youth Internship Program: Mondays-Thursdays, June 30th-July 31st. No program on Thursday, July 3rd.

Pokagon Band Summer Enrichment Program

Who is eligible: Any Pokagon youth entering grades 7th-12th grades in the Fall

Dates of Summer Enrichment Program: Youth apply for programs which take place this summer

Any questions about these programs? Please contact Marie Willis, Director of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com



TRADITIONAL ANISHNABÉK DANCES

**May 17th, 2008
Noon-4 pm
Pokagon Powwow Grounds
Rodgers' Lake Property**

All Anishnabe who would like to learn how to do our various types of traditional dances such as men's traditional, grass or women's traditional, fancy, and jingle are invited to participate. This will be a great opportunity to learn the traditional understanding, respectfulness, and representation on each dance and regalia.

If interested please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234, by April 21st.

BEADING CLASS

Mishawaka Office

**April 9th 2008
&
April 23 2008
6:00pm-9:00pm**

There will be a beading class held at the Mishawaka office on Wednesday April 9 & April 23 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We will be making beaded loom pieces to make barrettes on April 9th & beaded earrings on April 23. Refreshments will be provided.

For further information contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.

TRADITIONAL HEALER Jake Pine

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

**APRIL 30- May 2
MAY 28-30
JUNE 25-27**

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)



Bugs/Insects
Manitos



Mosquito
Butterfly
Bee
Dragon Fly
Fleas
Wood tick
Fly
Grasshopper
Praying Mantis

Skemé
Memegé
Amo
Bojkwansi
Kojisek
Ézgak
Ojé
Kwakwadé
Neméwomiskosi

Gun lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30-8:30pm at the community center in Gun Lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on April 3rd and 17th.

South Bend office classes are on April 10th and 24th from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. The Van leaves at 5:30pm and please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.

Please contact Matthew Morsaw, the Language Coordinator at 1-888-330-1234 if you have any questions about the language program.



EDUCATION

Important FAFSA Information

In order to be considered eligible for most financial aid opportunities including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You can now file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year. Apply as early as you can.

Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- You can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this pin # to sign your application and receiving the # early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.
- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Be careful of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.

The official website to apply for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Need help in filling out the FAFSA?

Some of the resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.



HEADSTART

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008 to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 2, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Make-Up Days

In an effort to ensure we have 128 school days in by May 15, 2008, we will be offering five make-up days at the end of April and the beginning of May. These will be half days on Friday's 8:30-12:00. We will serve breakfast and lunch. Children can be dropped off at 8:15 and must be picked up at 12:00.

Transportation will not be offered these days. The make-up days are 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, 5-2, and 5-9. More information will follow soon.

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 15th, 2008. We are in the process of planning a small graduation ceremony for the children and their families.

April's Calendar

March 31st- April 4th - Spring Break
 April 11th - Make-up Day
 April 18th - Make-up Day
 April 24th - Family Fun Night
 April 25th - Make-up Day

April Birthday's

Justin 10th
 Jonathan 24th
 Jaylee 27th
 Karlee 29th
 Joseph 29th

Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to come help at the Center. Volunteers can help with reading to the children or just spending time in the classroom, helping in the kitchen, or helping in the office. If you are interested please call the Center at 269-783-0026. Donations are always greatly appreciated as well.

Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls, one time use cameras, and play dough. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them by the Center.



Helpful Hints from the Pokagon Band Health Office

We send you a postcard to update your file with the Health Office when you are going to have a Birthday. Please remember that your file does not have to be complete to access the clinic, however your file **MUST BE** complete to access Contract Health Services. We need the same information every year, even if you have no changes.

A **COMPLETE** file consists of the registration form, a driver's license or state ID with your current address (front and back), a 2nd proof of your address (this document cannot be personal or tribal mail), tribal card (for new clients only) insurance card (front and back). If you do not have insurance you **MUST** apply for Medicaid. Please note that if you have to

apply for Medicaid or have applied, your file is not complete until we receive the determination.

If you move, please remember to update your address with the Health Office. If you seek Contract Health Services, this is a **REQUIREMENT** in keeping your file up to date. Updating your address with the Enrollment Office or the Administration Office **DOES NOT** constitute being updated with the Health Office.

For the purposes of Contract Health Services your file is considered complete the day we receive your **COMPLETED** registration with the supporting documentation.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions please give us a call at (269) 782-4141 or toll-free at (888) 440-1234

Three Fires Road to Wellness Health Fair *Save the Date!*

When: May 3rd 7:30am – 10am (for fasting Lab tests only)
10am-3pm (all other events)

Where: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribe's
Luella Collins Community Center Bradley, MI

! Health Fair Activities !

- Health Screenings
- Nutritional Information
- Plenty of Health Stations
- Tons of Health Info
- Poker Walk
- Fire Safety
- Monitor Your Mood
- Sit N be Fit Video (by Little River Band of Odawa)
- Great Food!

Games

Prizes

Location: 419 125th Ave
Shelbyville, MI 49344
For more information call:
Gun Lake HHS (616)681-0360

Scheduling for fasting Lab tests
ALL TRIBES please contact the
NHBP Health Dept
@
888-662-2808 or 616-249-0159

*In partnership with: Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Little River Band of Odawa, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Little Traverse Bay Band of Indians, and Grand River Ottawa Tribe



Come meet with agencies for **help** with **housing, finances, and food assistance; medical, dental and mental health; legal aid, migrant services and more!**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Come Anytime Between 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Van Buren ISD Technology Center
250 South Street, Lawrence, Michigan**

This is a FREE event and a great opportunity to get help filling out applications and making appointments and receive information, referrals, support, and gifts.

******There will be free hot food served from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.******

For more information, or to save your seat for free transportation,



CALL: First Call for Help 1-800-310-5454

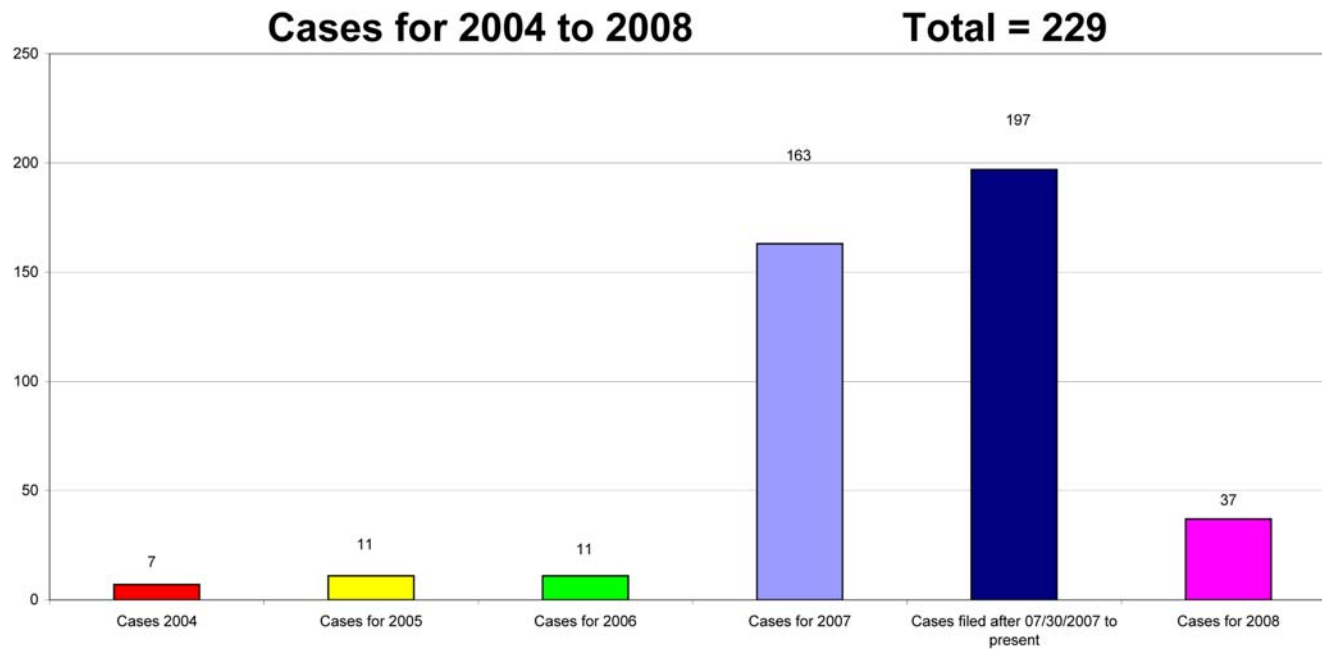




Case Activity of the Tribal Court

The Tribal Court began taking cases in November of 2004. Cases continue to be transferred or filed in Tribal Court. In the past, many of the cases involved child protection matters transferred from state courts to Tribal Court under the *Indian Child Welfare Act*. Five (5) new child protection cases were transferred to the Tribal Court in 2007 and 2008. Other matters such as recognition of foreign court judgments, child support recognition matters, garnishments, and general civil matters were also filed with the Tribal Court. However, with the expanding economic development of the Pokagon Band and the opening of the Casino, cases filed in Tribal Court have greatly increased. A total of one hundred sixty three cases (163) cases were filed in 2007. One hundred sixty (160) of the cases were filed after July 30, 2007 to February 28, 2008. The cases consisted of foreign judgment recognition, child support recognition, garnishment, Chapter 13 Bankruptcy wage deduction, and delinquent child support per capita collection, criminal, general civil and administrative appeals. The greatest areas of increase for the Court have been in child support recognition, foreign judgment recognition and garnishments. Tribal law mandates that foreign judgments and orders must be recognized by the Tribal Court as valid before enforcement may occur. The Tribal Judiciary developed a Chapter of Court Rules and an Administrative Order to enact the processes needed for recognition of foreign judgments and orders which can be found at the Pokagon Band's public website at the Tribal Court link.

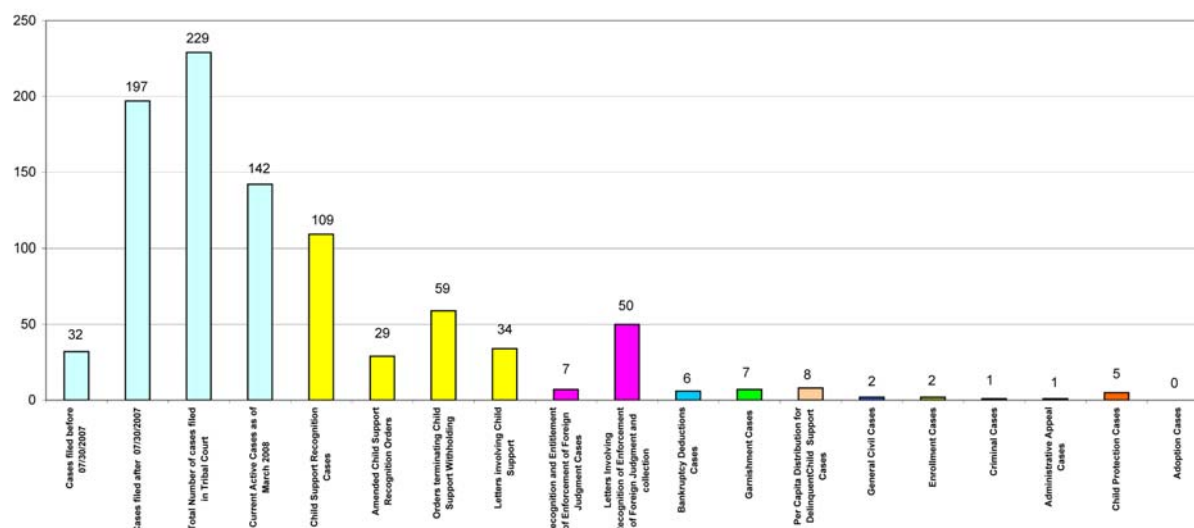
To give a better idea of the increase in cases, the chart below shows the number of cases filed since the inception of the Court.



While some types of cases have been filed over the years, the Court is seeing a far wider range of the type of foreign judgments seeking recognition as well as where judgments and orders are coming from. When the Court first started receiving cases in 2004, most came from Michigan. Now with the casino, many are coming from Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Child support orders are coming from many states throughout the United States. Also, the Court is receiving new matters that it had not encountered in the past such as criminal, certain civil actions and administrative appeals.

The Court is adapting to the many different types of actions the Court has received. The next chart shows the type of current open cases in Tribal Court. The Chart also shows the number of letters sent to child support agencies, attorneys and private individuals seeking recognition of foreign judgments and orders. Letters are sent when agencies, attorneys and individuals are not correctly following the processes of the Pokagon Band and the Court needs to contact them to explain the processes. The figures do not show the time contacting the various individuals involved in each case and the amount of time the Court has committed to revising its forms and letters to adapt to a larger number of cases and wider area of entities and people seeking to access the Tribal Court.

Current Active Cases as of March 2008



MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am writing this letter in appreciation for all those involved in helping me to achieve where I am today. In April of 2005, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Physiology from Western Michigan University. This accomplishment would have been very difficult financially if it were not for the Education Department's Assistant program. As I look back, I feel completely blessed because of this help I have received. Upon graduation I only had a small student loan that I had taken out. I have great appreciation for this aid, considering most college graduates have thousands of dollars in loans. Another program I wish to thank is the First Time Home Buyers Program by the Housing Department. In September of 2006, I purchased my first house with aid of their program. This was an enormous help for me. The Housing Department not only helped me financially but educated me throughout the entire process. My final thank you goes out to the Indian Health Services. I look at health as being an essential part of our quality of life and I commend those in the health field. I know everyone there works exceptionally hard to reach out to band members. I have been cared for there, and am very grateful. I know I have been involved with many of you within these departments over the years and this is a long overdue, thank you. I appreciate every person and each individual contribution to my success.

Thank you and God bless.
Joshua Price, Band Member.



Congratulations to Gregory and Rosey Alexis, proud parents of a new baby boy:
Hugo Gregory Alexis
Born on Sept 1, 2007
Grandparents: Phil and Melody Alexis
7lbs., 20 3/4"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Haley Johnson-4/19
Courtney Shiflett-4/5
Devin Shiflett-4/13
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

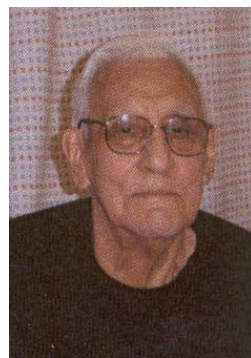
Happy birthday to my daughter Sue Heffington on April 10th.
Love, Mom.

"I Miss You"
By Victor A. Newsome

The Band, it's members, are on my mind.
Not now and then, but all the time.
Those that know me shared respect and bliss.
I want you to know you are greatly missed.
And if you are wondering where I've gone,
I'm paying the debt for all my wrongs.

I was always around and you were there for me,
But now there is no one that I can see,
I tried to stay connected,
So I wrote through our newsletter.
But all in all it made things better.
I made some bad choices, yes I'm sorry to say.
And now I'm lonely, day after day.

I miss life among the Band,
And I'm reaching for a second chance.
I know it's my fault that I'm lonely, it's true,
But I can't help missing all of you.



Robert "Bob" Mix
Jan 22, 1918 – Feb. 21, 2008

Afterglow
I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when the day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy memories that I leave behind when the day is done.

Happy Birthday Eva Hoekstra,
We Love You,
Robert, John, Michelle, Tamara
Bradley, Kaitlyn, Kayley, &
Kelcey!!!!!!!



Happy 73rd Birthday To the greatest mother and grandmother in the world, Stella O'keefe.
In loving memory of our greatest grandmother, Mary Ann Shoemaker. – June 1st 1914.
Love, Susie, John, Donna, Johnny, and all of your other children and man grandchildren.

Happy Birthday to my
Grandson, Chris Heffington
on April 30th.
Love Grandma.

HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY
Joseph Ward
We Love You!
From Grandma and Grandpa Wolf

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations
Tammy & Jason Sorters
New Baby Boy
Luke Gregory
Born: Feb.20,2008
At Talihina,Ok. Indian Hosp.
Welcome Home From His
Sisters,Megan & Molly
Hot Springs Ark.
& Granny & PaPa
McWhorter

April 10th 1956. Happy
Birthday to the most loving
and caring Mom anyone
could ask for! We love you
very much!
Love, your son and daughter,
Johnny and Donna.

Mickey,Danny,Cindy Rapp
So Sorry for your loss,of your
Brother Sammy.Sorry I could
not make it to the Services.
Love Always,Cousin,
Sarah McWhorter
Arkansas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Aunt Stella Heffington-4/4
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday Mom,
We don't know what we would
do without you,
Love,
Michelle & Bradley

Happy Birthday Robert Hoekstra,
We Love You,
Mom, John, Michelle, Tamara, Bradley,
Kaitlyn, Kayley, & Kelcey!!

In memory of Sam Wesaw

A fire burns, the Drums call out,
The Snows of Winter blow.
Hearts cry, Elders speak,
A peoples words from long Ago.

Twenty-One guns and Songs are Sung.
The Sacred candles glow.
A purple Heart-Sweet memories
Farewells to this honored Soul.

The Light of Life that is Left to us,
Will still Shine bright and True.
For Faith gives us a gathered place,
Where you still know-How very much,
...we will,
Always love you.

(Words captured from the heart of Laura and put
into verse for her friend Ginny)



A multiple donation of \$150.00 was
made to The Diabetes Foundation
preventive research, in the memory
of Samuel Wesaw, who recently
succumbed to the dreaded disease of
diabetes. The donors are as follows:

Kenneth Antisdel
Bill and Shirley Sigfrids
Mary Maddox
Jackie Genereaux
Scott and Martha McConnell
Briant and Sue Andrews
Wendy Hargett and Family
Scott Sigfrids

Happy Birthday to:
Linda Swisher 4/1
Marvin Wilson 4/1
Kenneth L Wilson 4/9
Justin Michael Townsend 4/10
Cecil Wilson Sr. 4/11
Roberto Lopez 4/14
Neil Edwards Jr. 4/18
Scott Wilson 4/20
Leonard Goodrich Jr. 4/21
Samantha Haggard 4/22
Robert Willis 4/25
Shirley Haggard 4/29

Happy Anniversary Mark and Laurie Wilson
From Dorothy Burgh

Happy 20th birthday to our grandson, Alex
Parrish on April 16th. With love, Gram and
Gramp Parrish
Thanks again, Bonnie Parrish



Announcing the birth of
Savanna May Grace Graves
Feb. 23, 2008 1:44AM
7 lbs. 7 1/2 oz.
Parents: Steve and Nicole Graves
Grandparents: Jill and Jeff Byrket



Happy Birthday
Bradley "The grinch" Grubb-Miller
From Grandma (Mommica) and Grandpa (Big
Daddy) Grubb



Congratulations from the Campbell
family. Good luck Mike. Son of late,
Mike Campbell, Grandson of late Wanda
"Topash" Campbell. Mike Campbell was
recently hired as the new highschool
football coach of the Jimtown Jimmies.

Happy Belated Birthdays to Adrianna Mares, Brianna
Mares and Issac Michael. I love you's too much!
Mema, Tia, Cleora

Happy Birthday
Megan Sorters
12 Years Old
Hot Springs,Ark.
We Love You,
Granny & PaPa
McWhorter



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council

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Tribal Council April Meeting Schedule

April 7 - 1:30PM

Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)

April 12 - 10:00AM

Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)

April 14 - 1:30PM

Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)

April 28 - 1:30PM

Tribal Council Special Session (Lodge)

April 29 - 5:30PM

Gaming Authority (Lodge)

April 30 - 5:30PM

Tribal Council Special Session - T.O.O./ Legal (Lodge)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an “on-call” basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- ❖ criminal background
- ❖ motor vehicle report
- ❖ work history
- ❖ references
- ❖ tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- ❖ DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band
Administrative Office
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon Band Newsletter April Online Edition

POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

"THE POKAGONS TELL IT"

May 2008

100K Educational Endowment Gift

At the Tribal Council Special Session meeting held on Wednesday, April 15th the tribe was gifted with a check in the amount of \$100,000.00 from a joint venture, Christman /Kraus-Anderson Company. This is an Education Endowment to be used for scholarships for Pokagon Band students furthering their education. The Pokagon Band would like to sincerely thank Christman/Kraus-Anderson for this generous gift.



Land in Trust Celebration and Membership Meeting

On March 22, Pokagon families gathered for the Land in Trust Celebration & Membership Meeting hosted at Lake Michigan College. The day was filled with activities for families, lunch, department representatives from the Pokagon Band, giveaways, speakers throughout the day, two drum groups and a flag ceremony honoring our veterans.

It was an informative afternoon where information was given about Four Winds Casino, Tribal Trust, and our Land in Trust. Families gathered from all over the region to celebrate and share with each other.

Many thanks to our hosts, guests, drums, speakers, and veterans that made Land in Trust Celebration and Membership meeting an eventful day.



Honoring the flags and our veterans.



Tribal Chairman - John Miller



Tribal Trust Administrator - Tom Baxter



Activities and Crafts for the kids.



Tim Cope - Lakes Entertainment



Keith Stoneburner - Auditor



Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.

Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions Moted by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter
C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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| Tuesday – 1 st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2 nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3 rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4 th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| <u>Each</u> Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

Point Person for Census 2008.

The 2008 Census is coming soon and the Pokagon Band is looking for a Census Point Person. The position will be responsible for obtaining and collecting information on the upcoming Census, organizing and distributing information to the tribe, and providing assistance as needed to assure that no one within the tribe is misinformed about the Census.

Interested persons can contact Kelly Curran, at (269) 782-6323.

The deadline for
membership submissions
for the June newsletter will
be May 14. Send
articles and
announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com



May 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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| | | | 1 Business Beef Rump Roast Sweet Potatoes Carrots Fruit/Rolls | 2 Pizza Day Stuffed Cabbages Lettuce/Salad Jell-O/Fruit |
| 5 Beef Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwiches Pineapple Cottage Cheese | 6 Chicken and Beef Shish Kabob Lettuce/Salad Fruit Cocktail/Rolls | 7 Tuna Noodle Casserole Lettuce/Salad Garlic Bread Banana Pudding | 8 Language Baked Ham/Pineapple Baked Potatoes Peas Berries/Rolls | 9 Chicago Style Hot Dogs Macaroni Salad Tossed Salad Tropical Fruit Salad |
| 12 Potato Soup Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Lettuce/Salad Peaches | 13 Baked Fish Scalloped Potatoes Peas Fruit/Rolls | 14 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ | 15 Social Barbeque Chicken Wild Rice Squash Strawberries/Rolls | 16 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit/Rolls |
| 19 Buffalo Stew Turkey Sandwich Pears | 20 Chicken Pot Pie Lettuce/Salad Fruit/Rolls | 21 Pork Barbeque Sandwiches Baked Beans Potato Salad Fruit | 22 Language Meatballs/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit/Rolls | 23 Spanish Rice W/ Sausage Squash Fruit/Rolls |
| 26 Memorial Day Closed | 27 Pork Chops Baked Potatoes Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Fruit/Rolls | 28 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit OJ | 29 Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole Lettuce/Salad Fruit/Rolls | 30 Buffalo Sausage or Patty On Bun Three Bean Salad Waffle Fries Fruit |

Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals

Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon

**269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717**



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Helpful Hints from the Pokagon Band Health Office

We send you a postcard to update your file with the Health Office when you are going to have a Birthday. Please remember that your file does not have to be complete to access the clinic, however your file **MUST BE** complete to access Contract Health Services. We need the same information every year, even if you have no changes.

A **COMPLETE** file consists of the registration form, a driver's license or state ID with your current address (front and back), a 2nd proof of your address (this document cannot be personal or tribal mail), tribal card (for new clients only) insurance card (front and back). If you do not have insurance you **MUST** apply for Medicaid. Please note that if you have to

apply for Medicaid or have applied, your file is not complete until we receive the determination.

If you move, please remember to update your address with the Health Office. If you seek Contract Health Services, this is a **REQUIREMENT** in keeping your file up to date. Updating your address with the Enrollment Office or the Administration Office **DOES NOT** constitute being updated with the Health Office.

For the purposes of Contract Health Services your file is considered complete the day we receive your **COMPLETED** registration with the supporting documentation.

We are here to help you. If you have any questions please give us a call at (269) 782-4141 or toll-free at (888) 440-1234



The following is a list of members that have yet to verify there address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

Pokagon Band Enrollment Office
32141 Edwards St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(888) 782-1001

| <u>Enroll #</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Middle</u> | <u>Last</u> | <u>Suffix</u> | <u>Enroll #</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>Middle</u> | <u>Last</u> | <u>Suffix</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk | | 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra | |
| 0050 | Joseph | Wayne | Sisk | | 0521 | Gloria | Anne | Hamstra | |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk | | 0522 | Lynne | Renee | Hamstra | |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson | | 0523 | Anthony | Lee | Hamstra | |
| 0099 | Richard | Allen | Sturgeon | | 0796 | Jill | Angelia | Campbell | |
| 0187 | Codie | Gerald | Grigsby | | 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger | |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau | | 0851 | Colleen | Patricia | O'Brien | |
| 0203 | Joseph | Nmn | Morseau | | 0859 | Kevin | Arthur | Perry | |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau | | 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdell | |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau | | 0898 | Paul | Isaac | Gibson | |
| 0332 | Robert | Allen | Ser | II | 0934 | Shelly | Marie | Weesaw | |
| 0390 | Alex | Wayne | Goodrich | | 0970 | Orville | K Joseph | Starrett | |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt | | 0999 | Mark | Anthony | Drane | |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty | | 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green | |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty | II | 1060 | Chasity | Lynn | Martin | |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty | | 1066 | Richard | Allen | Ashby | |
| 0429 | Lora | Roxann | Adams | | 1099 | James | Watson | Lewis | |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray | | 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins | |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie | | 1195 | Sheldon | Wesley | Novencido | |
| 0449 | Robert | Johnathon | Hicks | Jr | 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown | |
| 0451 | Karrie | Lynn | Rusinek | | 1259 | Melissa | Kay | Marunycz | |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis | | 1265 | Daniel | Silas | Bush | |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw | | 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield | |

A FEW NOTES REGARDING PER CAP...

Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you will receive May 1st, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1st check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office.

Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By: Darlene Wagner, Probation Officer/Community Justice Coordinator

I am a mother of two beautiful and very active children. My son is 13, loves to play soccer and has plans of joining the military when he graduates. My daughter is 9, she loves school and has plans of being a doctor when she grows up. While taking care of my aging parents, I love to work on my 100 year old house. I started working for Tribal Court on April 10, 2006. Prior to coming here, I worked in juvenile detention for thirteen (13) years and worked for *Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency* for three (3) years. I am going into my eighteenth (18th) year working in justice systems and have found it very rewarding to be working for the Band. I can say in all honesty I love my job. I have an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice/Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.

One of the first things that Chief Judge Michael Petoskey asked me to do was gather demographics of Band's members such as age and what percentage of members live within the ten (10) county service areas. The Chief Judge wanted a determination of where best to use our limited resources. He requested that I speak with the departments within the Band to identify the services available to members. I have developed a Service Directory for use by the Court. I have worked on the development of the Tribal Probation Department on all levels needed by the Court. This includes developing forms for use by the Court and development of probationary tools of diversion, community learning, and restoration.

In order to learn how other Michigan tribes handle probation services and restorative justice, I conducted site visits. I was introduced to Tribal Court Judges, Court Administrators and Probation Officers. Now I have relationships with other tribes' court staff and we network by sharing information, methods and problem resolution. I encouraged the others to renew the *Tribal Probation Officer's Consortium* that had met quarterly where it had provided a forum for sharing information and creating resources. Breathing new life into the *Tribal Probation Officer's Consortium*, tribal probation officers now meet twice a year. We are currently working on a tribal probation officer's manual where we will share procedures, forms and information. The next meeting is scheduled in April 2008 and we will be talking about Teen and Drug Courts.

I attended tribal probation training, the Juvenile Justice Probation Officer Training, and completed the certification program through the State of Michigan. While working towards completing the certification, I made contacts with state family court departments to build relationships with surrounding jurisdictions. I have also successfully completed the *Tribal Probation Academy* and received a Tribal Probation Certification.

When I came to work for the Band, I brought with me many contacts in the state court system. This made it easier for me to create a network of contacts within the four county service areas in the State of Michigan. I have established relationships with the state court jurisdictions and currently work with state court probation officers to provide co-supervision of juveniles on probation and to act as a liaison with state court counter parts introducing them to Tribal services that are available to Tribal members. My relationships helped me coordinate and connect Pokagon youth to culturally appropriate services. I continue to cultivate

these relationships making stronger contacts in state courts for tribal youth. Participating in the Cass County Task Force against Family Violence has assisted me by placing key individuals within the local community in my network of services.

In September of 2006, I began work on nine (9) juvenile cases. Six (6) cases were taken as co-supervision and three (3) cases were taken as a liaison. A determination whether to take a case as a co-supervisor or liaison is made by the Court Administrator and myself based on the facts and circumstances of the case and resources that can be provided to the youth. When co-supervising, I work along side the state court probation officer gather information, conduct home visits, write reports for the state court and testify on recommendations for state court probation conditions. Information about Tribal services is provided to the state court probation officers along with contact information. I currently have two (2) juvenile cases that I am co-supervising. I am continuing to work with the local counties on assisting the probation officers with Tribal services, strengthening and establishing working relationships collaborating on Tribal members who have been placed on probation.

As a part of our TCAP Grant, I am assisting in developing the foundation and infrastructure of both a Diversion and Community Service Programs. Diversion and Community Service provides options of judicial tools for the Court. The Diversion Program is designed for both juveniles and adults because each diversion plan is made to fit the individual person after an assessment is completed. The intent of the program is to divert an individual from the formal adversarial criminal justice system into an informal and non-adversarial program. In this way the stigma of a criminal record is avoided, and provides a quicker response to a violation of community standards, along with the ability for intensive supervision if the individuals accepts responsibility for his/her unacceptable behavior. The basis for our Diversion Program is to unlearn antisocial/procriminal behavior, attitudes and values.

The Juvenile Community Service program is named *Pokagon Service Learning* because our intent is an educational community work experience performed by a juvenile who has violated the community standards. This program will benefit the juvenile by promoting the values, beliefs and standards of the community. The juvenile needs to take responsibility for his/her behavior and understand that negative action has an impact on the community. The adult Community Service Program is named *Pokagon Restorative Service* and to restore that person back to the community for a violation of community

As the Pokagon Band enacts Codes that expand the role of the Tribal Court, I am looking forward to joining the Tribe in its journey to restorative justice and traditional ways of correcting behavior. This is only a beginning of providing services to members of the Tribe by the Community. Both growth and development is expected in the future.



Tribal Trust Administrator, Tom Baxter

Dowagiac Office Location:
Office of General Counsel
58155 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Mishawaka Office Location
310 West McKinley Avenue, Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN 46545

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Trust Spring and Summer Office Hours

Tribal Trust Administrator, Tom Baxter, will be available for meetings concerning the Minor's Trust on the following schedule at Dowagiac or Mishawaka as indicated. To set up a meeting with Tom, call him toll free at 800-863-3479. Office addresses are above the schedule.

May

Mishawaka

Tuesday, May 6, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 7, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, May 20, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 21, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

June

Mishawaka

Tuesday, June 3, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, June 4, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, June 17, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

July

Mishawaka

Tuesday, July 8, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, July 9, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Monday, July 21, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Tuesday, July 22, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

August

Mishawaka

Tuesday, August 12, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 13, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, August 26, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, August 27, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

September

Mishawaka

Tuesday, September 9, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 10, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Dowagiac

Tuesday, September 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

and from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 24, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM



Oops!!!!

Did you miss the April 15th deadlines for the Pokagon Summer Camp and the Pokagon Summer School?
If so, please call the Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234 to see if any spaces are still available.

TRADITIONAL HEALER Jake Pine

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.

MAY 28-30
JUNE 25-27

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)

Attention High School Seniors

The Department of Education, through the High School Senior Success Program, can offer assistance in completing your senior year and in preparing for college in the following ways:

- Reimbursement of college entrance exam fees- We will pay for one ACT or SAT exam
- College Application fees- We will pay for application fees up to \$100
- Reimbursement of graduation gown
- Information about the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities

We also want to acknowledge your success! We are planning to highlight high school seniors in the June newsletter. If you are interested in having your photograph featured and your future plans highlighted, please contact the Department of Education by April 15th for more information.

For more information on any of these services, please contact the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at marie.willis@pokagon.com.

TRADITIONAL ANISHNABÉK DANCES

May 17th, 2008
Noon-4 pm
Pokagon Powwow Grounds
Rodgers' Lake Property

All Anishnabe who would like to learn how to do our various types of traditional dances such as men's traditional, grass or women's traditional, fancy, and jingle are invited to participate. This will be a great opportunity to learn the traditional understanding, respectfulness, and representation on each dance and regalia.

If interested please contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234.



English

Fold
Hit me
Stand
Raise
Snake Eyes
Cash
Double down
To gamble



Potawatomi

niboon
byénan tadigen
nnibwé
nbzegwin
genabek wshkishgon
zhoneyah
nizhek mine
tadi



Gun lake classes are Monday nights from 6:30-8:30pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on May 1st, 15th, and 29th.

South Bend office classes are on May 8th and 22nd from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, do to limited room in the van.

Elders classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.



Pokagon Band Education Awards Banquet



Sunday, June 8th, 2008
Dinner at 5:00 pm, Awards at 5:30 pm
Southwestern Michigan College
Mathews Conference Center East,
Fred L. Mathews
Library and Conference Center
58900 Cherry Grove Road,
Dowagiac, Michigan

Registration deadline for the program
is May 19th. Questions?
Please contact the Department of Education
at 1-888-330-1234.
Application available below!

Pokagon Education Awards Banquet AWARDS FORM

Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parents: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Tribe: _____

Student will _____ will not _____ be attending. Total number of guests: _____

Award Category: (check all student is eligible for 2007-2008)

- ☐ Graduation from high school or college
- ☐ Graduation from high school or college
- ☐ Attainment of GED
- ☐ Perfect Attendance for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2nd)
- ☐ Missed five days or less for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2nd)
- ☐ All A's for the entire school year (Send report card by June 2nd)
- ☐ Honor Roll at least one marking period (Send report card by June 2nd)
- ☐ Improvement in at least one core subject area (Send report card by June 2nd)
(Must show improvement in at least 1 core subject area and maintaining a C or better in other 3 core subject areas. Core subjects are: Math, Science, Reading/English, and Social Studies.)
- ☐ Participated in sports, band, or other club/activity
Please list: _____
- ☐ Recognition for any school-related accomplishment
(Student of the Month, Most Improved awards, etc.)
Please list: _____

RETURN THIS FORM BY May 19th!
Pokagon Education Department
P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047
OR CALL TOLL-FREE: 1-888-330-1234
OR FAX TO: (269) 782-0985



May Students of the Month



MARAH STARRETT

Marah Starrett is 14 years old. She is in the 7th Grade and attends Dowagiac Middle School. She is the daughter of Mark Starrett and Vicky Hotrum. Marah has two brothers, Khitt and Taylor, and a sister, Rebecca. Marah had attended the pow wow. She enjoyed all the different things which could be purchased, the dancing, the food and the location. She says, "It was beautiful". She enjoys foods such as spaghetti. She likes doll houses, painting, singing, playing hide and seek, and playing checkers. She enjoys playing softball and fishing at Rodger's Lake, where she caught her biggest bass and crappie.

Marah's favorite subjects are math and science. Marah has received awards for arts, chores, and good attendance. Marah wants to be a veterinarian or a zoologist when she grows up.



MEGAN CARPENTER

Megan Carpenter is in the 4th Grade and attends Lawton Elementary School. She is the daughter of Melissa Carpenter. Megan has a sister, Katelyn, and a brother, Preston. She loves to eat pizza and play with the "littlest pet shop". Megan has participated in the tribal Christmas party and backpack distribution.

Megan's favorite subject is science. She has received above average grades in math and MEAP scores. Megan is a very giving and compassionate person; and wants to work with animals when she grows up.



SKYLER DAISY

Skyler is 12 years old and attends Hartford Middle School. Skyler is the son of Brian and Marie Daisy. He has a sister, Tonda; a brother, Simon; and one on the way. Skyler has participated in the tribal Christmas party, cultural camp, and language classes as he goes with some of the teachings with his grandfather, Ernie Daisy. He enjoys karate, lots of fishing, school, and karate parades in the summer time. His favorite food is Chinese.

His favorite subjects are science, math and social studies. He has been on the honor roll and has had perfect attendance. He wants to be a biologist, a marine biologist, or a veterinarian when he grows up.



RICHARD NEWCOMER

Richard, 15, is in the Ninth Grade at Niles Senior High School. He is the son of: Melissa and Tony Rodriguez, Michael Newcomer (brother), Tori Rodriguez (step-sister), Grandparents Marie and the late Lawrence Manley, and Great Grandparents Raymond and Madalene Morseau. He has enjoyed the Pokagon Band Christmas Parties and the Summer Youth Internship Program. Richard's "List of Favorites" includes his English classes, goulash, pizza, playing X-Box Live with his friends, attending sporting events and concerts, hanging out with his brother, watching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and activities in the Keeler Church of God congregation. A grade point of 3.2 or better has been kept up since Richard began playing football in Junior High School. He earned the "Best Sportsmanship" Award during his first year of football. Richard is interested in Security Surveillance as a career. He is now ready to roll with his driver's license permit!

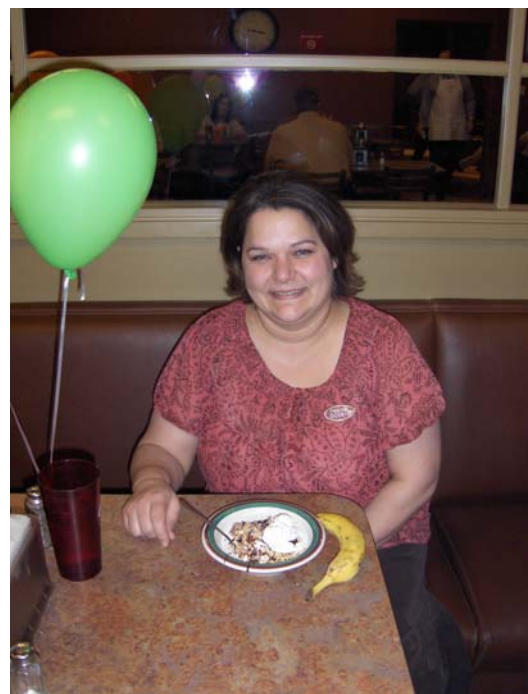


Four Winds Employee Appreciation Day

Four Winds Casino Resort is able to provide an outstanding experience for guests, not only because of the beauty of the facility and its amenities, but also because of the outstanding staff. Each employee adds value in their own unique way. To show gratitude for their dedication and over the top service, Four Winds celebrated with an Employee Appreciation Day on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

The Chef prepared a special menu for the employee dining room and Tribal Council Members, Four Winds Vice Presidents and Directors volunteered to assist in bussing tables and serving ice cream creations. Human Resources personnel were also present giving away Four Winds baseball caps. In addition to their gift, employees were entered in a raffle drawing with the chance to win one of several prizes including dinner for two at the Copper Rock Restaurant, an iPod and many other goodies.







MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to my brother Ernie Shoemaker May 15
Love, your sis Stella

Happy Birthday May 3
To my great grandson, Austin Brown
Love, Grandma Stella

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Christina Gillan-5/16
Brian Gillan-5/19
Love, Aunt Kathy & Uncle Mike

Happy Birthday to:
Loretta Edwards May 1
Christina Lenox May 8
Tina Marie Lopez May 13
Alex Goodrich May 26
Daniel Lopez May 27
Kelly Alexis Wilson May 19
Priscilla Swisher May 19
Emma Louise Duddy May 17

From Dorothy Burgh

Happy belated Birthday
Derrick Collett April 8, 8 years old
Andrue Dayson April 9 Big 3 years old
Isiah Mix April 10 Yahoo! 1 year old
Kennedy Kiggins April 10 Big 5 yrs.

Love your family.

Ahaw jayekm (hello everyone)

We had our Kwek Mno Bmadzewen Waweyeyawen (womens circle) on Sunday and as usual, had lots of good stuff to share. Megwech to all. Looking forward to seeing everyone again on 5-11-08, Sunday at 1:00PM. Megwech to Tribal Council, our Ogemaw, veterans, elders, youth, and Pow wow committee for your support for our quest with the grandmother water walkers. We, and everyone else are doing good services (anishnabek mno bmadzewen) people living the good spiritual life. Our hearts are grateful, Megwa Chi megwech! big thanks again!

Respectfully, Cleora and Majel

Happy Birthday to Monica Grubb
Just a note to let you know
That I was thinking of you
On your birthday, so
HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!!!!

Love,
Konnie

Happy Birthday Sidney Wesaw on May 12

From Jill Wesaw

Happy Anniversary Mary and Billy Swisher on May 19
Happy Anniversary Paul and Michelle Wilson on May 24

From Dorothy Burgh

Happy Birthday to my niece Kath Goodson May 23
Love Aunt Stella

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proud new parents of a baby girl, Josh and Martha
(Morseau) Olson
Sydney Ann Olson
Born Mar. 31, 2008 at 2:55 pm
7lbs 15oz, 21 inches
Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo MI



Happy Birthday Monica Diane Grubb
From your husband, Henry and children, Konnie,
Hank, Kanndy, Kimm, and Garrison

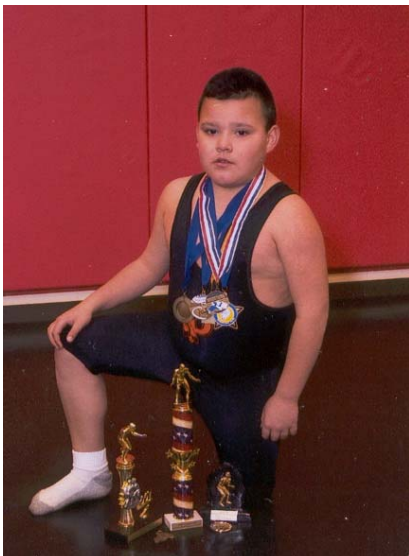


Happy Birthday on May 9th
Jessica L Wesaw

From your Dad, Candy, and the girls

Happy 8th Birthday Kelcey Renee Gillette
We Love You,
Aunt Michelle & Bradley

Happy 13th Birthday Kaitlyn Marie Stull
We Love You,
Aunt Michelle & Bradley



Congratulations Derrick Collett
Placing 2nd place at state in my way wrestling.
Love, Mom and Dad & your brothers and sister.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Van Johnson-5/1
Love, Kathy & Mike

Happy Birthday to my grandchildren:
Ciara Heffington May 7
Ronald Heffington Jr. May 13
Ronald Heffington Jr. May 13
Johnny Reed May 27
Angel Woodard May 30

Love, Grandma



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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also **their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.**

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an “on-call” basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

- ❖ criminal background
- ❖ motor vehicle report
- ❖ work history
- ❖ references
- ❖ tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
- ❖ DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band
Administrative Office
58620 Sink Road
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

June 2008

Australian delegation: May 6-8, 2008

The Pokagon Band was privileged to receive a visit from an Australian delegation representing the Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP) Program. The TKRP Program is dedicated to promoting the traditional knowledge of indigenous people regarding their communities, spirituality, and the lands where they live; the Program has been taken up by several tribal communities in Australia, and TKRP representatives are looking to introduce the Program to indigenous people around the globe.

The delegation visited Pokagon Band May 6-8, 2008, and it included Victor Stefensen, a member of the Kuku Thaypan aboriginal community and manager of the TKRP Program, John Hunter, a member of the Gamilaraay aboriginal community who is working on a Gamilaraay TKRP and Indigenous capacity building project, and Brad Lewis, a Natural Resource Management Facilitator with the Australian Department of the Environment and Heritage. Also traveling with them was Don Lyons, who is of Leech Lake Ojibwe and Haudenosaunee descent, and who served as the delegation's tour guide as they traveled throughout the Great Lakes.



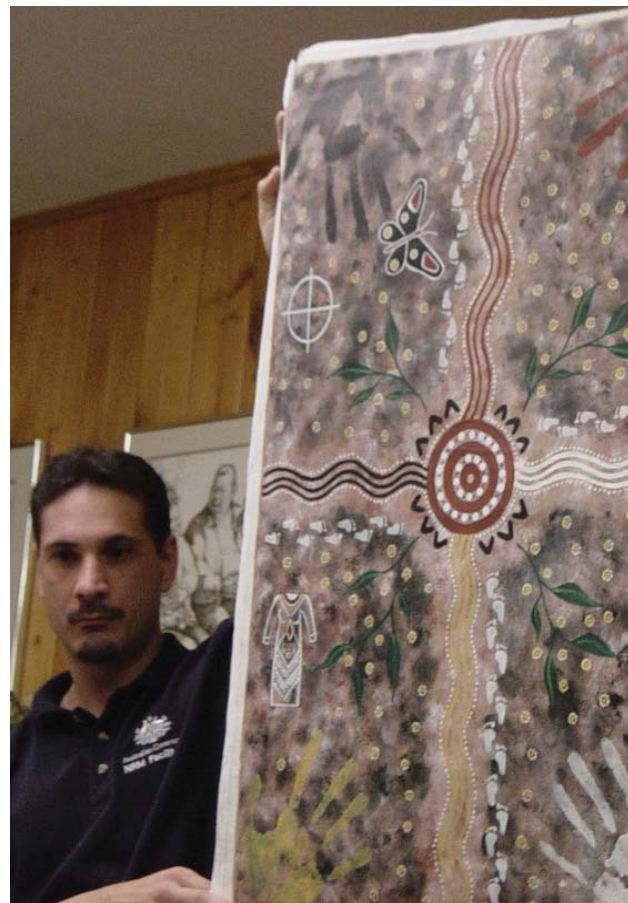
Left to right Brad, Victor, Don, and John

The group paid a visit to our Head Start Program on the morning of May 7, followed by a visit to Elders Hall for the Elders Luncheon, and finishing with an evening presentation at the Tribal Council Lodge. The Head Start visit had not been planned in advance, but was arranged on short notice when the delegation learned that there were classes of youngsters at Rodgers Lake. The kids got quite a kick out of hearing about the native wildlife of Australia, hearing traditional aboriginal songs performed on boomerangs and the didgeridoo, and learning traditional Australian clan dances.

Lunch at Elders Hall included another presentation of traditional music, along with a discussion of aboriginal history and traditional knowledge. The presentation was followed with a question-and-answer session. The discussion held everyone's attention as the question-and-answer session turned into a dialog as both the delegation and the Pokagon Band members shared their thoughts on the common experiences with the disaster of colonization in Australia and North America.

The evening feast and presentation was attended by about 45 people, including a Huron Band Councilmember and representatives of the Saginaw Chippewa veterans organization. The TKRP representatives gave an in-depth description of Australia's history and indigenous people, and the TKRP Program. The aboriginal communities in Australia face the same problems we Neshnabék people face in North America, with the loss of culture and language eroding our capacity to survive as communities. TKRP uses modern video and computer databases to preserve traditional knowledge and language, but turns the tools and the responsibility for recording the teachings over to the communities. Arranging the databases in an intuitive,

visually-oriented storage-and-retrieval format, the Program promotes a grassroots approach that engages the entire community, particularly the younger generations, in preserving the traditional knowledge of their people.



Pokagon Band was very fortunate to have the delegation visit our community and share their knowledge and experiences. We wish Victor, John, and Brad well on their travels, and also to Don Lyons for his efforts in coordinating and guiding their tour.

By: Kevin Daugherty





Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the July newsletter will be June 14.

Send articles and announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from

10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



Elder of the Month

Naomi Waneta Cushway Edwards D.O.B. 12-19-17

Naomi Waneta Cushway) Edwards was born in Wellston, Michigan on December 19, 1917. Her parents were James and Lydia Cushway and her Grand parents were Joseph Cushway and Angiline (Mix) Cushway.

She had two older sisters Daisy and Eva and two younger sisters Ruth and Laura Lou. They grew up in the Chase and Reed City areas. On September 5, 1937 Naomi married Charles LaVierre Edwards. They

had two daughters, Ruby Marlene born October 22, 1938 and Carol Ann born August 21, 1945. They raised their family in the Pontiac and Auburn Hills area and retired to Farwell, Michigan in 1972. On a very sad day in August of 1992 Naomi lost her husband Charlie.

Naomi is the proud Grandmother of 5, Great Grandmother of 8 and Great, Great Grandmother of 3.

She has always been known for her quiet ways, her sense of humor and the little tune she whistles that no one knows but her.

Throughout her life she has been very active as a volunteer. The hours she has volunteered at the Clare Mid-Michigan Hospital total over 8,000. She has been involved in and held offices in many other organizations over the years, PTA, Cooperative Extension, Clare Historical Society, Oakridge Sub-division Association, Christian Women's Association and the Farwell Methodist Church.

Naomi bowled for 60 years. She's bowled on 2 leagues for the past 30 years. She had to give it up at age 88 but came home with the first place trophy her last year! Her other passions are fun parties, jokes, games and playing cards. If you think your winning, you can forget it because she likes to win and usually does!

At 90 years old, Naomi lives in Plainview Senior Neighborhood in Auburn, Michigan where she is giving new meaning to "Senior Living".



June 2008 Pokagon Band Elder's Hall

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2

Chicken Noodle Soup
Grilled Cheese
Sandwich
Peaches

3

Taco Salad w/ Buffalo
Garlic Bread
Applesauce

4

Chicken Stir Fry/Rice
Angel Cake with
Strawberries
Rolls

5

Business

Baked Fish
Baked Potatoes
Beans
Fruit/Rolls

6

Pizza Day
Stuffed Peppers
Lettuce/Salad
Jell-O/Fruit

9

Chili w/ground Buffalo
Lettuce Salad
Cornbread
Watermelon

10

Beef Stroganoff w/Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Salad/Rolls

11

Bratwurst
Macaroni and Cheese
Brussels Sprouts
Fruit

12

Language
Baked Chicken In
Mushroom Soup
Stuffing
Cauliflower
Fruit/Rolls

13

Spaghetti w/ Ground
Turkey
Lettuce/Salad
Garlic Bread
Applesauce

16

Ham and Bean Soup
Sliced Ham Sandwich
Fruit

17

Chicken Wings
Waffle Fries
Green Beans
Fruit/Rolls

18

French Toast
Sliced Ham
Hash Brown
Fresh Fruit/OJ

19

Language
Ham and Scalloped
Potatoes
Cornbread
Asparagus
Fruit

20

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Lettuce/Salad
Fruit

23

Potato Soup
Roast Beef Sandwich
Jell-O/Fruit

24

Pork Chops
Sweet Potatoes
Squash
Fruit/Rolls

25

Chili-Dogs
Chips
Fruit

26

**Elders Picnic
Tribal Lodge**
Buffalo Burgers-Brats
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit

27

Barbeque Chicken
Wild Rice
Wax Beans
Fruit/Rolls

30

Broccoli Soup
Turkey Sandwich
Fruit

Attention Elders The Elders Hall is creating a Veteran Wall to Honor all of our Native American Veterans those who wish may take a picture/with a story of the experience in the Military of them to Elders Hall!!
Please call Petey Boehm 1800-859-2717 or 269-782-0765.

Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY
BEFORE if you are not a
regular attendee for meals.

Meal service begins at
12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717





The following is a list of members that have yet to verify there address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

Pokagon Band Enrollment Office
32141 Edwards St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(888) 782-1001

| Enroll ID# | First | Middle | Last | Enroll ID# | First | Middle | Last |
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| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk | 1406 | Orville | Arthur | Goss |
| 0050 | Joseph | Wayne | Sisk | 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk | 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson | 1538 | Dawn | Marie | Mendoza |
| 0099 | Richard | Allen | Sturgeon | 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 0187 | Codie | Gerald | Grigsby | 1788 | Amanda | Renee | Underwood |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau | 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau | 2005 | Jeffrey | Lewis | Cunningham |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau | 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 0332 | Robert | Allen | Ser | 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 0390 | Alex | Wayne | Goodrich | 2109 | Nickolle | Lea | Drane |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt | 2138 | Laura | Marie | Duddy |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty | 2183 | Coy | George | Davison |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty | 2391 | Forrest | Lee | Sierminski |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty | 2428 | Rachele | Nmn | Loonsfoot |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray | 2607 | Amanda | Sue | Fick |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie | 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis | 2650 | Andrea | Rene | Rider |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw | 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra | 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger | 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel | 2779 | Johnny | H | Hill |
| 0934 | Shelly | Marie | Weesaw | 2784 | Michael | Francis | Pillow |
| 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green | 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 1060 | Chasity | Lynn | Martin | 2794 | Tony | Lee | Horn |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins | 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown | 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 1259 | Melissa | Kay | Marunycz | 2952 | John | Anthony | Montano |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield | 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw | 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| | | | | 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

A FEW NOTES REGARDING PER CAP...

Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you will receive May 1st, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1st check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office. We have several checks that get returned EVERY month due to members not updating their addresses with enrollment. These checks can not be mailed back out until the address is updated with enrollment.

Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our Certified Contractor List please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our Certified Contractor List please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"

Workshop is Free!
Space is limited!
Call now!
(269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
for ages 3 -13

Trying to Stretch Your money?
Finding More Month than Money?
Need Help in an Economy
of High Gas and Food Prices?

Join us on either July 14th or 15th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop

Monday July 14th
Pokagon Band Headstart
1:00 to 5:00 pm
Join us for lunch at 12:00 pm

Tuesday July 15th
Pokagon Band Headstart
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Join us for dinner at 5:00 pm

"Take Back Control of YOUR Finances"



SOCIAL SERVICES

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



POKAGON BAND CHILD PROTECTION HIGHLIGHTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey was invited to make a panel presentation before a national audience at the Federal Bar Association's 33rd Annual Federal Indian Conference. The panel topic was "Indian Child Welfare Act: 30 Year Update". The panel presentations focused on the impact and effectiveness of the federal Act. One of themes that emerged was that the Act spurred the desire of many tribes to implement their own court systems, so that child protection matters involving tribal children could be transferred out of state courts to the tribes to be dealt with according to tribal standards.

The Chief Judge was asked to share the success of our Band's child protection system because it is widely recognized as an exemplary example of what can happen when tribes have the opportunity to develop their own systems.

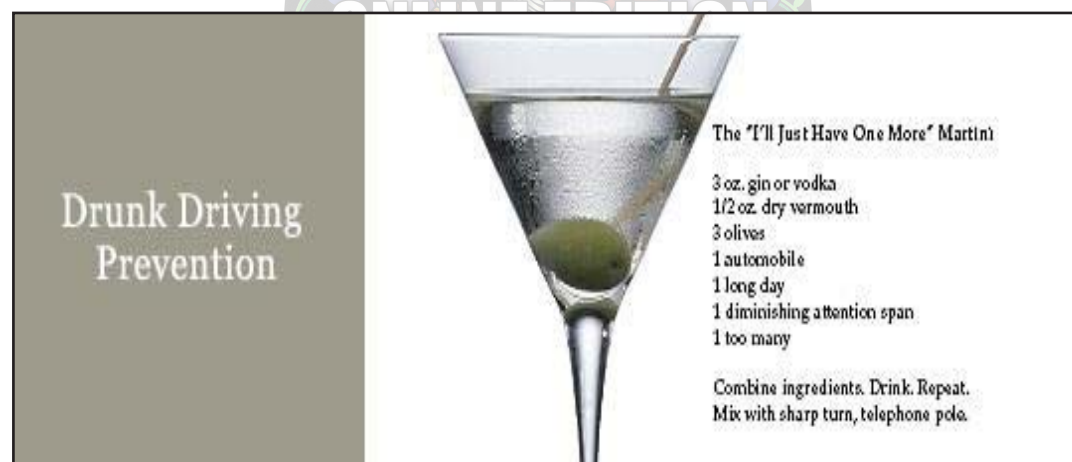
The Pokagon Band's child protection system was developed by bringing each of the components to the table to collaborate. The power of col-

laboration fostered development of a system which works to maximize the opportunity for success in protecting children; ensuring that their individual needs, often special, are met; ensuring that parents are given every opportunity to become the parents that the community expects them to be; and providing for the preservation of Indian families. It was noted that Tribal courts have several advantages over state courts. The very importance of these matters in tribal communities gives rise to a long-standing philosophical approach which emphasizes community support, empathy, encouragement and accountability.

Associate Justice Jill Tompkins was a presenter on the panel as well. Justice Tompkins specializes in Indian Child Welfare Act litigation as the Director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado School of Law. Her presentation focused on current issues in the representation of Indian children and parents in Colorado state courts.



Don't Drink and Drive



Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes. The blood alcohol level in the State of Michigan is 0.08. You drink, You drive, You lose!

Consequences

Right now, in Michigan a first offense drunk driver could face up to 90-days in jail; a year behind bars for the second offense; five years for a third offense.

Law enforcement officers arrested 708 drunk drivers in Michigan March 17-18, 2007, according to the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center. Ninety-six alcohol-related crashes on those two days resulted in four fatalities, and 45 injuries. About 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan in 2006 involved alcohol and/or drugs, and 440 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes.

Preventatives

If you are going out to drink, drink responsibly and above all have a designated driver. If going alone take the bus or a taxi. Find yourself drunk and you can't drive, many bars offer taxi rides free of charge. It's not worth it, not only could you be taking your own life, but the life of someone else!



Notice to All Artists Who Are Pokagon Band Members

Thank You! to all the artists who contributed their work to the Four Winds Casino Gift Shop Consignment Program.
The Pokagon Tribal Artwork section is beautiful and is continuing to experience good sales.

The gift shop at Four Winds Casino Resort has been open awhile and will need more art in the months to come. You are invited to bring new artwork every other month at an informal meeting.

The next two reviews will be held on Saturday July 26th and on Saturday September 27th. Both reviews will be from 10:00am to Noon at the Four Winds Casino Hotel. This will be in a conference room - just inquire at the front desk. Amy Senninger, who is the Liaison for the Tribal Artists, and the Gift Shop Management Team will be there to meet artists and review their artwork. We will be available as resources on that day to discuss what is selling and why. The most popular price range is in the range of \$15.00 to \$60.00. We are starting to sell more expensive items on occasion. We will offer our thoughts on creating a balanced collection with items in all price ranges, including a few high-end ones.

Jewelry and crafts that have "casino" themes, such as dice, cards etc. seem to be experiencing popularity, but buying habits are as many and varied as the people buying. The main thing is to focus on what truly brings you pleasure to make. You do not have to be a professional artist to be eligible. We have also received requests for artwork that features the symbolism of clans. In addition, Amy will offer on-the-spot tips on how to present artwork in the most saleable way for the lowest cost, with regards to matting and framing.

Bring what you have and get ideas on how to sell it!

Amy Senninger
amysenninger@gmail.com
269-932-5260

YOU MUST BE A POKAGON BAND MEMBER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLACING
YOUR WORK IN THE GIFT SHOP AT FOUR WINDS CASINO RESORT.



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



Where: Health Services Department

When: June 28, 2008

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Come in anytime during

June

For labs or pap smears and get a ticket!

Exciting activities:

Haircuts
Manicures
Raffles
Message therapy
Healthy lunch

Also available:

Annual health updates
Labs (fasting)
Pap smears
Breast exams

Lots of great prizes!!

Call ahead that Saturday morning to schedule an appointment for
labs and/or pap smear
269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234

If you've had a pap smear, breast exam or lipid panel (cholesterol) done after January 1, 2008
Notify us to get a ticket – you must provide proof



The Department of Education Welcomes Chad Dee as the Higher Education Specialist!

Chad Dee joined the Pokagon Band on May 5, 2008 as the new Higher Education Specialist. Previously, Chad has worked in Education for the past nine years. Most recently, Chad was an Admission's Representative for Davenport University- South Bend as well as the Campus Director for Indiana Tech in South Bend/Elkhart. Chad is looking forward to working with the tribe. "I'm very excited to be a part of this great organization and plan to utilize my experience to help members of the Pokagon Band in any way that I possibly can," he commented. Chad graduated from Indiana Tech in 2003 with an MBA with a concentration in Management and Marketing. Chad's hobbies include Michigan State Basketball and Football, Texas Hold 'Em, and fixing up his house and yard (which never seems to end).

Chad encourages members to contact him. "I'd like to invite anyone who is looking to continue their education or even to find an internship , to stop by my office and see what resources we have available to them. I'm here to help!"

To contact Chad, please call the Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 or contact him by e-mail at chad.dee@pokagon.com or @scholarship@pokagon.com.


Pokagon Band Head Start

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/ selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008 to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 2, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt at the center with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Pokagon Language

Niben! (Summer)



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| Squirrel | Jedmo |
| Mosquitoes | Skemé |
| Grass | Mishkon |
| Hummingbirds | nanokashi |
| Fire fly(s) | wasesi(yek) |
| Fishing | Demojgé |
| Strawberry | Démen |
| Nice day or Good day | Mno gishget |

Attention Class of 2008!

The Department of Education would like to celebrate your achievement of graduating from High School. We have heard from a few of our tribal members, but would like to hear from more! If you are interested in being featured in the July Tribal newsletter as one of our graduates, please contact Heather Pauley at 1-888-330-1234 or at [heather.pauley2 @ pokagon.com](mailto:heather.pauley2@pokagon.com) for more details. We will have to have photos and information by June 7th.

Gun lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on June 12th and 26th.

South Bend office classes are on June 5th from 7-9pm.
Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner.
Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

NO Class June 19th due to Summer camp.

Elders classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.

JUNE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



ERNEST LUCIA

Ernest is twelve-years-old and in the Sixth Grade at Patrick Hamilton in Dowagiac, although he was quick to point out that he will be in the Seventh Grade this fall! He is joined at home by his sister, Samantha Lucia; brothers, Gordy Schultz, and Lewis Williams; and Mom, Cheryl Mayberry. Science is a class that he really enjoys at school and eating KFC Fried Chicken is the best. As far as Pokagon Band activities, he has appreciated the Summer School, Christmas Party, Pow wow, and the Dowagiac and Notre Dame Enrichment Labs. He is proud to be on the A and B Honor Roll at school. His mind is set on being a Veterinary Technologist when he is older. Keep up the great work, Ernie!



ISABELLA MILLER

Isabella is 9 years old and attends the 4th Grade at Hartford Red Arrow Elementary School. She is the daughter of John and Angela Miller. She is the granddaughter of Glen and Evelyn (Morsaw) Miller, and Burt Sturgeon and LaSanda K. Williams. She has a sister, Kathryn, and a brother, Steven. Isabella has participated in the tribal activities such as the after school enrichment labs, pow wows, and Christmas parties. Isabella loves to create art and to draw. She has also received art awards in sculpting. She is dedicated to sports and enjoys playing a pitcher for softball for the Hartford Indians. She enjoys science. Her favorite foods are Indian tacos and blanket dogs. Her favorite color is purple. Isabella is achieving her reading goals. She wants to go to Notre Dame and do her dad's job when she grows up!



DEVIN HILL

Devin Hill is 9 years old. He is in the 3rd Grade at Hartford Red Arrow Elementary School. He is the son of Laura Hill and Shayne Darling. His grandparents are Larry and Sheila Darling, and Paul and Linda Hill. He has a close cousin, Mijikwis Wabanimkee. Devin has attended tribal activities such as pow wows. He attends the after school enrichment labs, and has attended several craft workshops. His favorite food is tacos. His favorite color is black. He collects Star War items, loves sports and outdoor activities. His favorite subject in school is science. He has gotten art awards (some of which were Native American art) and has had his artwork submitted at the Krasl Art Museum in St. Joseph. He enjoys all sports but especially football. He has received accelerated reading awards. He enjoys reading nights at school and grandparents day. He loves animals. He helps his dad to work on classic cars. Devin and his dad have placed 1st place at classic car shows. Devin wants to be like his dad and sell cars when he grows up.



SAMANTHA LUCIA

Samantha is an eleven-year-old Fourth Grader at Dowagiac's Justus Gage. Her family is Cheryl Mayberry (Mom), and four brothers. Her favorite class at school is Math. Sam has enjoyed the Pokagon Band Christmas Party, Summer School, Dowagiac Enrichment Lab and Pow wow. She also likes crab legs and playing golf. First, Second, and Third Place ribbons from Math-a-rama are hers. Sam is undecided about what she wants to do when she is "grown up", but with her thoughtfulness and smarts, she'll do well, whatever it is.

TRADITIONAL HEALER JAKE PINE

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Appointments are scheduled in half hour increments and times are as follows:

8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

MAY 28-30
JUNE 25-27
JULY 30-31 , AUGUST 1st

WHITE DEER HEALING LODGE

There will be a sweat @ the healing lodge behind the teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake on Thursday May 29th starting at 6:00 p.m.

All that attends will need to bring their own towel, longshorts, a long t-shirt and a towel or mat to sit on inside the lodge.

Those women who are on their cycle will not be able to go into the sweat lodge. If you have any questions please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234



Buffalo Delivery



Pokagon Band acted as the lead tribe this year in distributing buffalo meat and hides from Yellowstone National Park. The National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) culls those animals each year that wander away from the main herd in the Park and out onto private ranchland, and kills the animals and makes the meat available to Indian tribes. This year, because of the growing size of the herd plus the rough winter weather in Wyoming, about 1500 animals were killed.

There were 30 animals total in the distribution coordinated by the Band. Participating tribes included Bay Mills, Grand Traverse, Gun Lake, Huron Band, Little River, Saginaw Chippewa and Sault St. Marie. Pokagon Band secured nine animals. The animals were provided free of charge by the USDA and NPS; however, tribes had to incur the meat processing costs and shipping charges.

The animals for our distribution were professionally processed, packaged and labeled by cut of meat by Pioneer Meats of Big Timber, Montana. The meat and hides were frozen, and then

shipped along with the heads in a refrigerated semi-trailer hired specifically for the shipment from ABF Trucking. Deliveries were made in Hartford, Mt. Pleasant and Manistee. Two years ago Pokagon Band participated in the buffalo distribution, and this year the process went much smoother due to the exceptional cooperation and service by Pioneer Meats in processing, packaging, and freezing the meat, and by ABF in their responsive service with the shipping. A big hand goes out to both firms.

Each animal yielded approximately 350 lbs. of meat—an assortment of burger, ribs, steaks and roasts. The meat will be used for a variety of community and cultural events. Five hides and skulls are being cleaned and tanned by the Pokagon Band Cultural Program, following the direction of Jake Pine, the traditional healer who visits our community monthly. The remaining skulls are being cleaned by a local commercial processor, Northern Exposure Taxidermy of Dowagiac. More news on the buffalo distribution will be included in the July issue of this newsletter.

Water Walkers Visit Pokagon Band



The Water Walkers then attended a feast that evening given by the Pokagon Band at the Rodgers Lake property. Some of the women who work to promote the water teachings in the Pokagon Band community presented the Water Walkers with an eagle feather to be added to their staff. About 35 people attended the feast and stayed afterward to listen to Josephine and her group answer questions and talk about their journeys and experiences.

The Water Walkers said that they were originally inspired on their task by a traditional teacher, who said that on mankind's present course water would one day be more precious than an ounce of gold, and asked the rhetorical question, "What are you going to do about it?"

The Water Walkers are walking the entire southern shore of Lake Michigan, having walked the northern half in 2004. The delegation began with a send-off from Manistee, Michigan by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on Saturday, April 26th. The women stopped at various communities along Lake Michigan, including Holland, before reaching St. Joseph. On their journey, the women pray for the health of the water of Lake Michigan and of all other bodies of water they encounter. One woman carries a sacred copper vessel of water, and another carries an eagle staff. Prayers are said for every creek, river and lake they cross. Josephine and her supporters have circled all the other Great Lakes in the past, including:

- 2003 Lake Superior
- 2004 Lake Michigan (northern half)
- 2005 Lake Huron
- 2006 Lake Ontario
- 2007 Lake Erie
- 2008 Lake Michigan

A traditional role of Neshnabek women is to protect and care for the water. Pokagon Band tribal citizens were inspired by the women's water teachings. Plans are being made for future local events to carry on the work of these amazing women.

For additional information visit <http://motherearthwaterwalk.com>.

A special delegation of Canadian Ojibway grandmothers arrived in St. Joseph, Michigan at Lions Park on Wednesday, April 30th, to raise awareness of the fragility and health of the Great Lakes. The delegation consisted of seven women who are the core participants in the Mother Earth Water Walk of 2008. The group met at the Park for about an hour with representatives of the Pokagon Band and other supporters, with Josephine Mandamin, 66, of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and the leader of the Water Walkers, speaking about the group and their mission.



MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 24, 1982
Happy Birthday Tiffany Evans alias (AAMPK)
You're a great mom, daughter and friend.
Love Always
Mom

Happy Birthday, June 10th to my
sister, Margaret O'Keefe.
Love sis, Stella.

Linda, Look out, here she
comes! Congrats on your gradu-
ation, we are so proud of you!
We love you!
Mom, Dad (Mike), J.T., Jake,
Harlie, Kristin, and Kaitlin

June 28, 1952
Happy Anniversary to Gerald
and Evelyn Wesaw
Congratulations on 56 years of
marriage.
Love You Both Very Much
Matt, Mark, Lois & Keith

June 28, 2000
Happy Anniversary Keith & Rachel Wesaw
Congratulations on 8 years together.
Love Lois

Happy Birthday to our daughter,
Tracy Andrews on June 15th
Love, your Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday to our son,
Craig A. Andrews on June 9th.
Love, your Mom and Dad

Happy Anniversary
Timothy and Laura
Ketchum.
We love you and wish
you many more years
of happiness.
Love, Jessica, Ethan,
and Emily.



Terra Wilson achieved a Bachelors of Science
degree in Education From Western Michigan
University. She graduated with high honors
Suma Cum Laude. She was in the top 30
of 650 graduates. This accomplishment is a
tremendous task that she was able to maintain
a 40 hour job as well. She applied for and
received several scholarships to include Po-
kagon Education scholarship. We thank all the
members of Pokagon Education that assisted
her during those years. We congratulate Terra
and would like to let her
And all readers know how proud we are of her.
Mom & Dad Laurie and Mark Wilson Sr

Happy birthday to our daughter
Terri Andrews June 2.
Love, Mom and Dad.

Happy belated Birthday to Van Johnson,
Cathy Goodson, Aunt Eva, Michelle, Brian,
Chrissy, Kelcey, Kaitlyn, Clara, Ronnnie,
John Wayne, Angel, Austin, Ernie, Aunt
Stella and also Haley.
Love, Lisa Johnson

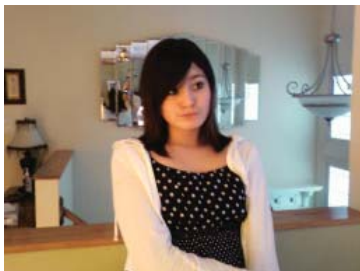


Happy Birthday Zachary Wesaw June 28th
Love Dad, Mom and Sidney



Senior Brittany Bundy of River Valley
High School
Congrats, Babygirl. Brittany has
obtained many awards from her love
of music. She has been accepted to
Northern Michigan University as she
will major in music. Mommy will miss
you and is so proud of you. Good luck
with you new chapter in life.
Love you, Mom and Sis and family.

Happy Birthday, June 3rd, to
my son, Ronald Heffington Sr.
Love, Mom



June 9 Happy 13th Birthday Nicole
Renae Harjer & congrates on making
the honor roll all six marking periods!
We Love You!
Love your Mom and Dad



Wendy A. Hargett of Dowagiac
Bachelors degree in organizational management.
Bethel College May 3, 2008.
Congratulations to a wonderful, determined, and
goal setting daughter, mother, niece, sister, you've
made all of us proud of you as you always have.
Love always, your loving family.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



All Nations Skate Jam 2008

The second annual All Nations Skate Jam, the largest and most prestigious of all Native skateboarding events, was held Sunday, April 27th in Albuquerque, NM. Nearly 3,000 spectators showed up to cheer on the over 350 registered skaters at the all day event at Los Altos Skatepark. Top Native skateboard companies - Native Skates, Wounded Knee, Full Blood, and 4-Wheel Warpony were there as well as Native bands, dancers, crafts, and food vendors. Event sponsor, Vans, rolled up in a city-sized bus full of free give aways and surprises for the crowd. A line stretched around the skatepark for hours as young and old waited in line for autographs signed by Vans pros Tony Alva, Ray Barbie, and John Cardiel and waffles and hotdogs cooked by Vans President, Steve Van Doren.

Organized by the Native non-profit group Nibwaakawin (Wisdom), the All Nations Skate Jam attracts Native skaters from all over the United States. 'It's one of the few Native events where Native kids from the cities, pueblos, reservations, and suburbs can come together to share a common interest,' said Nibwaakaawin President Todd Harder. 'Skaters came from as far away as California, Idaho, Colorado, and Florida to compete in this event.'

In just one short year, The All Nations Skate Jam has grown to become not just the largest Native skate event, or the largest skate event in Albuquerque, but the largest skate event in the entire state of New Mexico. 'Next year will even be bigger,' promises Harder. 'We may even have to make it a two-day event just so everyone who wants to skate can have a chance to compete~ we never want to turn anyone away.'

Pokagon Tribal Members, Teresa Magnuson (Nibwaakawin Treasurer) and Marcus Winchester, helped plan and run this event. For more information on the 2008 or 2009 All Nations Skate Jams, please visit the website www.allnationsskatejam.com or myspace at www.myspace.com/75005914.



ELDERS ATTEND MIEA CONFERENCE



HEAD START VISITS ELDERS





United Tribes Elects New Executive Director



The United Tribes of Michigan would like to welcome Mr. Matthew Wesaw, as our first Executive Director. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the hiring of Mr. Wesaw at the last meeting held in Petoskey, Michigan. Mr. Wesaw comes to United Tribes with a background that is well suited to assist the federally recognized tribes in Michigan through the efforts of our organization.

Mr. Wesaw retired from the Michigan State Police in January of 2001 after 26 years of service. During his career he served as a trooper at the Jackson, Flat Rock and Lansing Posts before being promoted in 1986. He was later transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, where he became Detective Sergeant and served in the Organized Crime and Auto Theft Units. In 1995 he was elected to the full-time position of Vice President of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA). He served as the Vice President of the MSPTA until his retirement in January of 2001. Following his retirement, Mr. Wesaw was hired by the Troopers Association to serve as the Director of Government Relations where he remained until his retirement in March of 2008.

In addition to his responsibilities while with the MSPTA, Mr. Wesaw has been very active as a tribal citizen with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac, Michigan. Mr. Wesaw has served on the tribal council at different times in the last thirteen years as Vice-Chairman, Chairman, council member at large. He currently holds the elected position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wesaw has been

involved in many Native American organizations, including being a past board member to the Lansing North American Indian Center, the Nokomis Learning Center and the past chairman of the Commission on Indian Affairs.

In his lobbying career, Mr. Wesaw has come to understand the nature of politics in Lansing and our nation's capital. Mr. Wesaw has worked very hard in developing relationship on both sides of the aisle during his lobbying career.

Mr. Wesaw had been previously appointed to the Michigan Community Service Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs by Governor John Engler. He was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm in September of 2004 to the Civil Rights Commission where he currently serves as the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wesaw is only the second Native American to be appointed to the Civil Rights Commission.

Matthew Wesaw attended Great Lakes Christian College and has a degree in Criminal Justice from Lansing Community College. He lives in Holt with his wife, Gloria.

Article Courtesy of: unitedtribesofmichigan.org

NATIVE VOTE

I have been selected as the Native Vote coordinator for our tribe. I wanted to get an article in the newsletter to alert you that you will see informational articles from now until the general election in November. Most of you know that I'm a person who has been interested and involved in politics for many years. I fully believe it is critical for us to be involved in the selection of our government representatives at the tribe, local, state, and federal levels.

Most of the articles you will read will be information developed by the National Congress of American Indians and used with their permission. NCAI started this initiative in 2004 and continues to promote the impartiality and importance of getting out the Native Vote. After the 2000 presidential election I don't believe anyone can say one vote doesn't count. Every vote counts and your vote could be the deciding one.

Additional information will be available by accessing the website of United Tribes of Michigan at: www.unitedtribesofmichigan.org This will have updated and additional information on political party platforms, links to candidates and other important political information. You may also access the website of NCAI at www.ncai.org to see what is happening in Indian Country.

You will also see that Michigan has been identified as a target state. There are congressional seats that will be on the November ballot that will be highly contested and targeted by both political parties as well as control of the Electoral College votes that go to the presidential candidate who carries the popular vote of Michigan. This means we will probably see the presidential candidates in this state often, once they have been con-

firmed at their party conventions.

REMEMBER, NATIVE VOTE AND EVERY INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE THAT WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEWSLETTER IS IMPARTIAL. THERE WILL BE NO EFFORT, NOR INTENT TO LEAN TO ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR PARTY. THE FOCUS OF NATIVE VOTE IS TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION.

In July of this year, at the time our own tribal election we will have over 2,100 citizens who will be of voting age. About one third of those citizens are registered to vote in tribal elections. I don't know at this time how many are registered to vote in local, state, or national elections. That is not a very good percentage, and will be the focus of my efforts to encourage participation. We need to register and participate in every election we are eligible to vote in. I would hope you all agree and take this seriously, please register to vote!

In order to participate in the voting process, other than tribal elections, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote
- Be 18 years old by the next election
- Not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

Registration Deadline: 30 days before the elections



State Election Website: <https://services2.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>
Secretary of State: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

You may access the above websites if you would like additional information.

The website for native vote is www.nativevote.org and you will see the following information:

Welcome to the National Congress of American Indians' 2008 Native Vote Campaign official website! We hope this site will be an instrumental tool for your community as we gear up for one of the biggest elections in years. This year, America will pick a new President, decide the balance in Congress, and vote in important state and local elections. We want Indian Country's voice to be heard! On this site you will find everything from voter registration information to grassroots voter training information. We hope it is helpful as you work in your communities to get out the Native Vote.

Our 2008 Native Vote Campaign is an extensive national non-partisan effort to mobilize the American Indian and Alaska Native vote in collaboration with regional organizations, local tribal governments, centers serving the Indian populations of urban areas, and non-governmental organizations whose focus is on democracy initiatives.

In 2004, NCAI spearheaded this groundbreaking campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaska Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding moment for tribal governments nationwide, as it empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a truly a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

Native Vote is a permanent project intended to advance the Native agenda at all levels of decision-making and promote Native candidates to public offices. Our next step is to protect the incredible strides that we have made and be proactive in our approach to Native Vote. We must ensure that Natives' right to vote is never threatened again, as it has been in the past. We need consultation with Secretaries of States and Election Boards to maximize accessibility to the polls. We should be heartened by court victories that guaranteed the right to use tribal identification documents to vote. These are huge victories for Native voters. We must not wait until election time to be concerned with elections.

The rising political clout of Native voters will only grow going forward, as the unified voice of American Indian/Alaska Natives becomes a force for political candidates to address Native concerns by developing platform statements and making campaign promises to Native voters. The power of the vote will put Native issues before elected leaders like never before in history.

NCAI Releases Political Platform for 2008 Election Cycle

WASHINGTON—May 7, 2008— The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently released its detailed political platform urging candidates for President, Vice-President, U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to support NCAI's principles including government-to-government relations, trust responsibility, cultural rights, health care, education and Native children.

"This political platform is a true exercise of sovereignty, and it outlines the areas that are important to Indian Country and vital for members of Congress and political candidates to acknowledge," said NCAI President

Joe A. Garcia.

To read the full NCAI Political Platform 2008 document, please visit www.nativevote.org/policyissues.html.

Excerpts from the platform:

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

"WE BELIEVE that the federal government must consult with tribal governments on a government-to-government basis to develop Indian policy and incorporate Indian policy goals into planning and management activities, including the budget, operating guidance, legislative initiatives, management accountability systems and ongoing policy and regulation development processes."

CULTURAL RIGHTS

"WE BELIEVE that the policy of the United States must be to protect and preserve for American Indians and Alaska Natives our inherent right of freedom of belief, expression, and exercise of traditional religions, including but not limited to access to sacred places, use and possession of sacred objects, the freedom of worship through ceremonial and traditional rites, traditional subsistence practices, and return of Indian human remains and associated funerary objects to Indian tribes. The United States must protect sacred places from intrusion and destruction from development in any form. In addition, the rights of tribal members must be protected to continue to hunt, fish, and gather on traditional lands and places and engage in subsistence practices."

HEALTH

"WE BELIEVE that the United States' responsibility for American Indian and Alaska Native health and well-being must be supported adequately. The United States must re-authorize and strengthen the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and fully fund its programs, actions that will significantly improve Indian health care delivery and increase tribal self-determination. Successful health programs such as the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program, childhood immunization programs, the Healthy Start Program to reduce infant mortality and funding to tribes under the Drug Free Schools Act should be supported. Until tribal governments have the resources to combat the epidemic impacts of diabetes, heart disease, cancer, suicide, and alcoholism—each disproportionately severe in Indian Country—our very existence is at risk. The United States must support tribal and federal program initiatives to fight these critical threats to Indian lives and future well being."

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. I sincerely hope that you become involved by registering to and making your vote count. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 269-591-9806, or by e-mail at: Matthew.Wesaw@Pokagon.com

Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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| OFFICIAL POSITION TITLE: | NATHPO Community Development & Marketing Fellowship |
| DEPARTMENT: | Ziibiwing Cultural Society |
| CLASSIFICATIONS: | Stipend through NATHPO |
| REPORTS TO: | Sales & Events Coordinator |
| SUPERVISES: | Not Applicable |
| DATE: | 5/12/2008 |

POSITION SUMMARY:

Position serves as the Assistant to the Sales and Events Coordinator for the Ziibiwing Center (ZC). All visitors will receive excellent customer service from this division whether it be a phone call for bookings, marketing request, special event, special guest, workshop or questions about the Ziibiwing Center or the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Community Development & Marketing Fellowship position will be responsible for enhancing and following through with any and or all marketing endeavors dealing with membership, tour and room bookings, educational workshops and programs, volunteer assistance, Collection Showings, special events and more.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with the launch of the 2008 membership drive (Individual and Corporate)
- Research and assist with marketing plans to develop other tribal relations and cooperatives
- Plan and/or implement one (1) of the Artists in Residence programs and/ or Collection Showings
- On occasion, work as a Visitor Service Representative and provide excellent customer service
- Research target markets for upcoming marketing campaigns and collaboratives
- Assist with school group bookings; schedule and work during their visit to the ZC
- Assist with direct marketing to local businesses. Will need a vehicle and a valid driver's license.
- Assist with the marketing plan development for upcoming events, cooperatives and educational workshops
- Troubleshoot or solve problems in an efficient manner
- Monitor and collect research surveys, comment cards (verbal and written) for review to ensure that the guest has received a positive experience
- Attend the Referral Over Breakfast Group with Sales & Events Coordinator
- Communicate with internal ZC departments to coordinate schedules and events
- Must be knowledgeable about all services, events and personnel of the ZC
- Assist with a Ziibiwing historical lecture workshop
- Other duties as assigned

CONTACTS/PURPOSE OF CONTACTS:

Contacts are with a wide range of audiences. All guests who visit the ZC will have contact with this position. The position will assist all guests to their destination within the ZC through all forms and mediums, telephones, fax, mail, email, and in-person contact.

WORK ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY HAZARDS:

Frequent use of hands, fingers as associated with computer use. Some driving required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be 18 years of age. Museum/cultural center experience preferred. Must demonstrate excellent interpersonal communication skills. Possess and demonstrate high level of organizational skills in time management, ability to work with a team, office protocol and procedures. Ability to manage multiple tasks. Must have a keen understanding and respect of Anishnabek cultural and the mission of the Ziibiwing Cultural Society.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT TRIBAL COUNCIL LODGE - Contact Kelly Curran
and the POKAGON ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**



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FAX (269) 782-1696

**Administrative /
Information Technology**
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998 /
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-6882

Social Services
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998 /
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-4295

**Health Services /
Behavioral Health**
57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141 /
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
FAX (269) 782 - 8797

**Resource Development/
Environmental**
32142 Edwards Street
(269) 782-9602 Phone
(269) 783-0452 Fax

Education and Training
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-0887 /
Toll Free (888) 330-1234
FAX (269) 782-0985

Finance Department
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 782-8998 /
Toll Free (800) 517-0777
FAX (269) 782-1028

Enrollment
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-1763 /
Toll Free (888) 782-1001
FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
(269) 782-3372 /
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269) 782-7814

Head Start
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0026/
(866)-250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

South Bend Area Office
310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN. 46545
(574)-255-2368 /
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 783-0443 /
Toll Free (877) 983-0385
FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047



THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

July 2008

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians 23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa "Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest" Contest Pow-wow

August 30—31, 2008

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry
Saturday
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday
1:00 PM

Featuring
* Dance Contest * Hand Drum Special *
* Great Lakes Old Style
Traditional Special *

**Public Welcome
FREE Admission!**

Head Staff

Host Drum: Smokeytown, WI
Invited Drums:
Whitefish Jr, MI
Buffalo Horse, WI
Ribbontown, MI
Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Malatare, IL
Head Veteran: Duece Miller, MI
Head Male Dancer: Will Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Female Dancer: Paula Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Male Jr Dancer: Aaron Martin, IN
Head Female Jr Dancer: Crystal Morseau, MI
Head Male Dance Judge: Nigel Schuyler, MI
Head Female Dance Judge: Marie Dreaver, MI
Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

American Indian vendors only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson
Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com

Other pow-wow information contact Rhonda Purcell
Phone * (269) 462-2518 Email * rk.purcell@yahoo.com

Host Hotel * Ramada Inn * 8258 Arnt Blvd Watervliet, MI 49098 * (269) 463-7946

Call by July 28 to receive pow-wow discount. Don't forget to ask for pow-wow rate!

Rustic camping also available for pow-wow participants

No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics, or pets in the pow-wow area.

Pokagon Vendors Wanted! Pokagon Volunteers Needed!

The 23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow is just around the corner. The Pow-Wow Committee is looking for Native American vendors, particularly Pokagon citizens, to set up at the pow wow this year. For more information call Teresa Magnuson at 517-712-5581 or email teresa@redpaintprinting.com If you are a Pokagon Band tribal citizen, make sure you let Teresa know! Space is limited so please hurry!

The Pow-Wow Committee also seeks volunteers to assist with making the event a safe, well organized, and enjoyable event for all visitors! We are looking for vendor assistants, parking attendants, golf cart drivers, security, and t-shirt sales persons. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Kelly Curran at (269) 782-6323 to sign up for a shift. Please be aware, there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, August 29th at Rogers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is a great opportunity to support your community...call Kelly today!



Student Rental Assistance Program



**Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?**

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"

WOMENS TALKING CIRCLE

Sorry we did not get an article in the last newsletter but we are still meeting at least once a month. For June, we met at Rodgers Lake to do Water Ceremony as the children were coming in that day to start their week at Camp. We were able to meet at the Ishkode for our Talking Circle. Migwetch to John Winchester for being the Fire Keeper that day and the rest of the week for the children at camp. Our next gathering will be at Gage Street Mbes (Lake) starting at 1 p.m. So bring your chairs and a snack to share and wear your long skirts in acknowledgement of our female spirit. The wearing of the skirts identifies us as respectful granddaughters to all those spiritual relatives who have walked this Mother Earth before us. Any questions, please call Majel DeMarsh as Cleora Morseau is up North for the next few weeks. (269) 782-6440 or (269) 591-0602.



Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or
impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com
and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for
membership submissions for the
August newsletter will be July 14.

Send articles and
announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 4 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from

10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



July 2008



Pokagon Band Elder's Hall

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal.

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| 1 Barbeque Pork Chops Baked Potatoes Peas Jell-O/Fruit Rolls | 2 Buffalo Meatloaf Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Cottage Cheese/ Fruit | 3 Business Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit | 4 |
| 7 Beefy Vegetable Soup Ham Salad Sandwiches Tossed Salad Fruit | 8 Baked Chicken W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Pears | 10 Language Boiled Dinner (sausage, Potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread Fruit Cocktail | 11 Buffalo Tips Over Noodles Broccoli/Cauliflower Wheat Rolls Applesauce |
| 14 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Corn Wheat Rolls Watermelon | 15 Lumberjack Soup Cabbage Rolls Mixed Green Salad Wheat Rolls Fruit | 16 Chicken ala King Mashed Potatoes Tossed Salad Peas Rolls/Fruit | 18 Sloppy Joes Homemade Potato Salad Baked Beans Coleslaw/Fruit |
| 21 Goulash w/ Gr. Turkey Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Strawberry Short Cake | 22 Buffalo Meatballs w/ Swedish Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls/Fruit | 23 Garlic Pork Chops Sweet Potatoes Salad Cauliflower Roll/Fruit | 25 Pub Burgers Onion Rings Coleslaw Fruit/ Cottage Cheese |
| 28 Buffalo w/ Wild Rice Broccoli Tossed Salad/Fruit Rolls | 29 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Melon/ Cranapple Juice | 30 Ham w/ Pineapple Red Potatoes Corn Tossed Salad/Fruit Rolls | 31 Potato Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad/Fruit Veggie Tray |

Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals.

Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717





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| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk | 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson | 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 0099 | Richard | Allen | Sturgeon | 2109 | Nickolle | Lea | Drane |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau | 2138 | Laura | Marie | Duddy |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau | 2183 | Coy | George | Davison IV |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau | 2607 | Amanda | Sue | Fick |
| 0390 | Alex | Wayne | Goodrich | 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt | 2650 | Andrea | Rene | Rider |
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| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty | 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
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The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

Pokagon Band Enrollment Office
32141 Edwards St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(888) 782-1001

A Few Notes Regarding Per Cap

Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you will receive May 1st, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1st check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office. We have several checks that get returned EVERY month due to members not updating their addresses with enrollment. These checks can not be mailed back out until the address is updated with enrollment.

Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



HOW TO AVOID BEING SWINDLED

1. BEWARE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE SCAMS:

Retired people in particular should safeguard against companies peddling:

- Useless items such as laminated Social Security Cards.
- Services that the Social Security Administration provides for free.
- Special veteran's insurance appearing to be offered by the US Government.

2. LOOK OUT FOR ADVANCE-FEE SCAMS :

These scams often involve an offer for a "free" product or an opportunity to make money. Or a reward may be offered for help in transmitting money out of a foreign country. But first you must pay a fee or give your bank account numbers. The swindlers then fail to deliver on what's promised, or they take money from your bank account.

3. DON'T BE A VICTIM OF TELE-FRAUD

Anyone with a telephone can be a target for identity theft or for shady dealers trying to peddle worthless goods or services. Never give money or confidential information to anybody without:

- Checking carefully on them first
- Initiating the call yourself

4. CHOOSE CHARITIES CAREFULLY

Make sure you know exactly who will get your money and how it will be used. Fast-buck artists won't think twice about cashing in on your sympathy and generosity.

5. READ AND UNDERSTAND "EVERYTHING" BEFORE YOU SIGN

- Are all promises in writing?
- Is the guarantee specific?
- Are all blank spaces filled in?
- Are all charges itemized?
- Have you read the small print?
- Do you get a copy?

Be on the look out for legal "doubletalk". Know that "as is" means no warranty.

TAKE ACTION IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN CHEATED

Places to Contact:

Internet Crime Complaint Center - www.ic3.gov

Better Business Bureau - www.bbb.org

Federal Trade Commission - www.ftc.gov

Your local, state or federal consumer protection agencies



SOCIAL SERVICES

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

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Space is limited!
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for ages 3 - 13

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(Limit One Per Household)

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Join us on either July 14th or 15th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop

Monday July 14th
Pokagon Band Headstart
1:00 to 5:00 pm
Join us for lunch at 12:00 pm

Tuesday July 15th
Pokagon Band Headstart
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Join us for dinner at 5:00 pm

"Take Back Control of YOUR Finances"



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES



Bmosé Myewes 2008

(Walk the Path) circles Lake Huron for a virtual 1053-mile "walk". Participants complete and record activity that approximates a one thousand-mile walk.

The health challenge begins again!

Bmosé Myéwés 2008

Realize a goal:
Defeat diabetes and its complications.

Ramp up your exercise habit
Feel more comfortable in your own body
Get fit, feel stronger
Lose weight
Lower your blood pressure

To get started:
- Call Susan Gundersen, RD, Public Health Nutritionist, (269) 782-4141, ext. 243 or toll-free at (888) 440-1234 for more information
- Receive your starting packet, an activity record book, T-shirt and towel at your first visit with Susan.

Then: Report your activity "miles" to get prizes throughout the walk.



MSU INDIGENOUS LAW & POLICY CENTER

Associate Justice Matthew Fletcher of the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals is the Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at the Michigan State University School of Law. In addition, he is Associate Professor at the College of Law teaching Federal Indian law, Constitutional law, and other subjects.

Each year the Indigenous Law & Policy Center hosts a number of events that raise the visibility of Michigan Indians, increase awareness in others and provide opportunities for all to share and learn. The events hosted this past academic year included the Center's 4th Annual Conference "American Indian Law and Literature". Presenters came from throughout the country to share different perspectives on the intersection of Indian law and literature. In addition, the Center hosts a panel series throughout the year. "Voting Rights in Indian Country", "Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country", "Felix Cohen's Indian Law Legacy" and "Careers in Indian Law" were the presentations this year.

The 5th Annual Conference "Forty Years of the Indian Civil Rights Act - History, Tribal Law, and Modern Challenges" will take place October 10-11, 2008 at the College of Law. This will be a timely examination of the issues related to civil rights throughout Indian country.

Justice Fletcher is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, grew up in the Wayland area and is the Grandson of Mary Church, a Pokagon Tribal Elder, who has walked on. He is a very prolific writer having penned numerous articles regarding the law as it relates to us Indians.

Submitted By: Chief Judge Michael Petoskey



HEADSTART

Pokagon Band Head Start

Graduation 2007-2008 was a huge success! The children did a wonderful job on singing their Native songs and pronouncing introductions. All of the families seemed to really enjoy themselves! Thank you to all of the individuals that helped with this special event! We couldn't have done it without you!

We want to wish all of the children who will be entering Kindergarten the best of luck! It was fun to watch all of the children grow over the past two years. They are all great kids! We also look forward to working with the returning students, as well as any new students in the upcoming school year!

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Even if your child will be a returning student, we still need a pre-application for our new enrollment/ selection policy. Pre-applications will be accepted until July 11, 2008. We welcome families with children with disabilities. Any applications after that time will automatically go towards the waiting list. On July 11, 2008 the top 33 applicants will be selected for the open slots & will be given a deadline of August 2, 2008 to return all of the required paperwork. The annual Head Start Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008. This will be an opportunity for the 33 applicants to get all of their medical requirements complete. If families choose not to attend the health fair, all medical requirements must be completed & received by August 2, 2008. After this date, any applicant that does not have all required paperwork & medical requirements complete, will automatically be placed on the waiting list. The next applicant on the waiting list will be selected based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Volunteers

Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, and many other ways. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls, one time use cameras, play dough and any children's clothing for ages 3-5 years. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.



JUSTIN SMITH

Justin is 18 years old. He has recently graduated from Reeths Puffer High School in Muskegon MI. He is the son of Angela Manfredine and William Smith. Justin resides with his mother and step father Lawrence Manfredine, 2 brothers and 1 sister in New Buffalo, MI. Justin's mom Angela is employed at Four Winds Casino in the purchasing department. She purchases everything from hotel amenities, food & beverage items to soft ware and wardrobe items. Justin's very proud of his heritage and very excited about the casino. Justin's grandparents are John & Pat Carney. Justin has several hobbies. One of his interests include horticulture which he received a certificate from Muskegon Vocational School. He loves to landscape, draw landscape designs, plant flowers and do gardening. Justin also enjoys, snowboarding, skateboarding, basketball, fishing & hunting. He enjoys spending time with family and friends & listening to music. Justin's currently working as an apprentice in the masonry field and is very happy to be finished with high school.



LUCAS MACKELLAR

Lucas is a Senior this year at Decatur High School. He enjoys wrestling, skateboarding, music and movies. During much of the 2007-2008 wrestling season, Lucas was ranked 8th Statewide in his Division and weight class on Michigan Grappler.com. He plans to attend Muskegon Community College this fall.



SAMANTHA JEAN DOUGHERTY

Graduated May 25th 2008 from Benzie Central high school. Samantha graduated with honors. She plans to attend Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City this fall, and transfer to Grand Valley University in the winter session. Samantha is the daughter of Kimberly Dougherty and granddaughter of Timothy and Donna Dougherty. We are all very proud of you, and love you very much.



KYLE JACOB MALOTT

We would like to congratulate Kyle Jacob Malott. He graduated with the class of 2008 at Brandywine High School. His future goal is to attend South Western Michigan College this fall. He will be studying Computer Aided Drafting and Design. We are very proud of you Kyle. Love Mom, Don, and Karli



RYAN SMALLEY

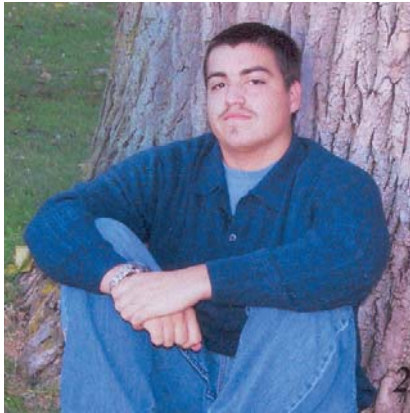
Ryan Smalley, 18, is a senior at Watervliet High School. Parents are Beth Edelberg, Jeff Sapp, Charles and Courtney Smalley. Grandparents are Bonnie Daisy and David Edelberg. Ryan was inducted into the National Honors Society in 2006. He serves his community by volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity, Soup Kitchen, and blood drives. He participates in football, wrestling, track, and drama. He attends Professional Health Careers Academy and will earn fourteen college credits. Ryan's favorite things to do are workout and ride his razor. Favorite food is mom's lasagna. Ryan is employed at Hanson Cold Storage in Hartford, MI and will caddy for his fourth year at Point O' Woods in Benton Harbor. Ryan's outstanding academic achievements and dedication throughout school has awarded him the Michigan Promise and Evans Caddy Scholarship. With the Evans Scholarship he will receive a full paid tuition for four years to Michigan State. His ultimate goal in life is to be a pharmacist. He plans to graduate from Michigan State with a bachelors degree in pre-pharmacy and then transfer to graduate school, either Ferris State or Purdue University. Ryan is a big Spartans fan and can't wait to college in the fall.



DEANNA RIDER

My name is Deanna Rider, I will be graduating with a 3.3 GPA in June from Land O Lakes High School in Land O Lakes FL. My parents are Gary and Janet Rider and I have two siblings Derek and Devan Rider. My grandparents are Bob and Mary Rider and Pat Culhane. I am on the Girls Varsity Tennis Team for 3 years and am a member of the National English Honor Society and also a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatimi Indians. I volunteer 3 days a week at a local elementary school and love working with the kids. I will be attending Pasco/Hernando Community College in the fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

Graduation 2008



CLYDE BRAZIE JR.

Senior at Hartfor High School
18 Years Old

Parents: Clyde and Sarah Brazie of
Hartford

Grandparents: Waneta Skipper
and Bertha Brazie

My future plans are:

I hope to intern at the Four Winds Casino this summer to acquire work experience in the field of computers.

In the fall of 2008 I plan on starting my bachelors degree in computer networking/security. I will be attending Davenport University in Kalamazoo. I currently have taken courses at the Van Buren Technology Center in this area and have earned college credit for such courses. I have participated in the Business Professionals of America Competition through the technology center and placed 3rd in Cisco Systems at the regional level and went on to the state competition and placed 7th in Cisco.

I look forward to using my knowledge to help better our Tribal Community in the future in the computer networking/security field.

I'd like to thank the Education Department for all the help that they have given me over the years. You are wonderful and caring people. Keep up the great job helping tribal members.

**Congratulations to the
Graduating Class
of 2008!**

Education Updates and Events

Casey Kasper started working for the Department of Education as a Temporary Education Associate this past May. In April, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Gender, Race, and Ethnicity. She is currently looking to pursue various meaningful endeavors while studying for her LSAT and preparing for law school. She hopes to practice Tribal and Public Interest law and someday receive a PhD in Women's/Feminist Studies.

SEASONAL CEREMONIES

All starting @ 6:00 PM being held @ Rodger's Lake, Tribal Grounds

Summer Ceremonies
June 21, 2008

Fall Ceremonies
September 20, 2008

Winter Ceremonies
December 20, 2008

For more information, please call Education:
1-888-330-1234

Témget kedwnen se "demojgé tadiwen"

Demojgé fishes with hook and line
Tadi plays cards of gambles

The game is played like Go Fish, you start with 7 cards and play your pairs until you are out of cards. If you ask someone if they have a card and they give it to you, you play your pair and go again. If you ask and they say "cho, demojgé" you draw a card from the deck and your turn is over. If the card you draw pairs a card in your hand you can play the pair, but you don't get to go again. The game is over when the first player with no cards that can ask for a card, the winner is the player with the most pairs.

Ngot- One
Nswé- Three
Nyannnen- Five
Noég- Seven
Zhak- Nine
Jack- Bwakat
King- Wgema

Nish- Two
Nyéw- Four
Ngotwatso- Six
Shwatso-Eight
Mdatso- Ten
Queen- Wgema kwé

TRADITIONAL HEALER JAKE PINE

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon

Department of Education @
1-888-330-1234.

Appointments are scheduled in half hour increments and times are as follows:

8:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

JULY 30-31 & AUGUST 1st

WHITE DEER HEALING LODGE

There will be a sweat @ the healing lodge behind the teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake on Thursday June 25th starting at 5:30 p.m.

All that attends will need to bring their own towel, long shorts, a long t-shirt and a towel or mat to sit on inside the lodge.

Those women who are on their cycle will not be able to go into the sweat lodge. If you have any questions please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234

Gun lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on July 10th and 24th.

South Bend office classes are on July 17th and 31st from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

NO Class July 3rd due to the Holiday.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.



2008 Michigan Native Vote Kick-Off

In 2004 Native Vote was spearheaded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This was a groundbreaking non-partisan campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaskan Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding success for tribal governments nationwide. It empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

For the 2008 General Election the (NCAI) Native Vote Michigan State Lead, Su Lantz and our team of Tribal Coordinators kicked off the Michigan 2008 Native Vote Initiative with a conference call that took place on April 17, 2008. We have a very supportive team comprised of a Tribal Coordinator from each of the twelve (12) federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan as well as a State Lead to coordinate their efforts and ideas. The infrastructure of the Native Vote Michigan Tribal Coordinators Team will prove to only breed success.

The Team will focus on Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts and provide a plan for a Native Vote Election Protection Project (NV-EPP). We will target every level of potential voters including the youth and first time voters, sporadic voters, Elders and those needing transportation, education, and assistance. We will pay particular attention to voters with special needs, such as in holding mock elections for training, or assistance with absentee voting for shut-ins. Our public education efforts will include hosting feasts, and other public gatherings associated with GOTV and NV-EPP.

If you are not a registered voter in Michigan and will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008 you need to register by October 6, 2008. Watch for more information in the next issue on how and where to register. Our Team is here to help. We will have voter registration forms available and someone to assist you. You can also access information on voting by visiting www.nativevote.org and clicking on your state.

Let's Get-Out-The-Vote and let our Native American voices be heard!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Kathryn Miller for making 1st place in the Watervliet tournament as pitcher.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Granny Miller

Happy 50th Birthday, Kiko (Lois Wesaw)!
Love your buddy, Aaron and little girl, Chloe.

Happy belated Birthday June 2nd to Steffen Morseau
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh and Sydney

Happy belated Birthday's to Mom (Margaret O'Keefe) and Brett Parker - Big 18!
Love Lisa and Mom

Happy Belated birthday, Mommy (May 14th) and Daddy (May 12th)!
Love Kathryn the coolest and Isabella the Brave.

Happy Birthday, Dylan Johnson July 6th!
Love Mom

Isabella Miller, congrats on your 4th place win at the Watervliet tournament.
We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma Miller

Loving thoughts go out to Price Parker on July 23rd.
Love Lisa



Happy 17th Birthday, Jenna Huffman-Winchester (belated June 10th)
Love you, Mom and Sly



Congratulations to Jenny and Randy you have some beautiful twins. Makenna Taylor, and Hayden Reilly Brown. Born May 19th.

Congratulations to Rob and Marie on the birth of their son Kai Motay Willis born May 17th.

Grandma and Papa are very happy and proud of their new Grandchildren.

Drew and Patty Willis



Congratulations to Taylor Morseau for graduation from John Adams High School this year.
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh, and Sydney

Happy Birthday Jenna, you're the best!
Little Joe, Robbie and Sarah

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kristina Sutton returned back in the states on May 14th from a 15 month tour in Iraq with the 3ID from Ft. Benning Ga. Her two children and parents were at the Welcome Home ceremony at the airport. Kristina we are very proud of all you have done for our country. We are so glad to get you back home safely.

Love, You whole family
Mom, Dad, Rob, Marie, Kai, Jenny, Randy, Tony, Magen, Makayla, Makena, Hayden, and Most of all Hailey and Trent your children.

July Birthdays from Arkansas.
July 1st-George McMurtrie Jr 28
July 6th-David Maleski Jr 36
July 15th-George McMurtrie III 5
July 24th Tammy Sorters 31
Happy Birthday to our July Babies !!!
Love Ever-Ever Mom, Pops, McWhorter



KAI MOTAY WILLIS
May 17, 2008
9 Pounds 3oz

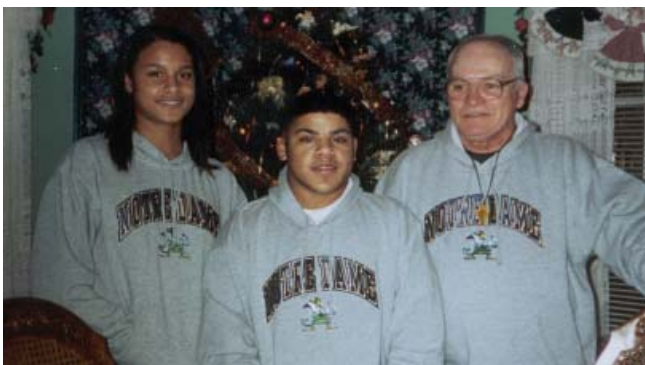
For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- Psalm 139:13-14

Happy Birthday to my Brother
Kenneth Rader 68 years(OLD)
July 14th
Love You, Sissy, George McWhorter

Happy Birthday, Dad. As a gift, I'll give you something I think you can use for your Birthday.....fishing lessons!

Love, Roger, Bereniz, Ydalee, Addy Bug, Tricia, and the rest of the family.

Happy 50th Birthday Dad (Tim Ketchum)
Love Jessica, Ethan, Emily.



Happy Birthday Grampie (Jim Lepel-75)!!!
We love you so much!
From Robin, Lee, Raquel and William

Mikayla, We are so proud of you for achieving straight A's all year, staying on the Principal's list all four quarters and being the great kid that you naturally are. You have worked so hard and accomplished so much. Now it's time for some FUN in the sun. Keep up the great work. We love you.

Love Mom, Dad, Christian, Denise,
Gabriella & Ethan

Happy Birthday, Ken Kirvan on July 2nd.
Love, Essye and the Kids.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council

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(269) 783-0026/
(866)-250-6573
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Mishawaka, IN. 46545
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

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Toll Free (877) 983-0385
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58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

2008 Michigan Native Vote Kick-Off ... see page 10

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

August 2008

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

23rd Annual Kee-Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow

Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, MI
August 30-31, 2008

POW WOW RAFFLE

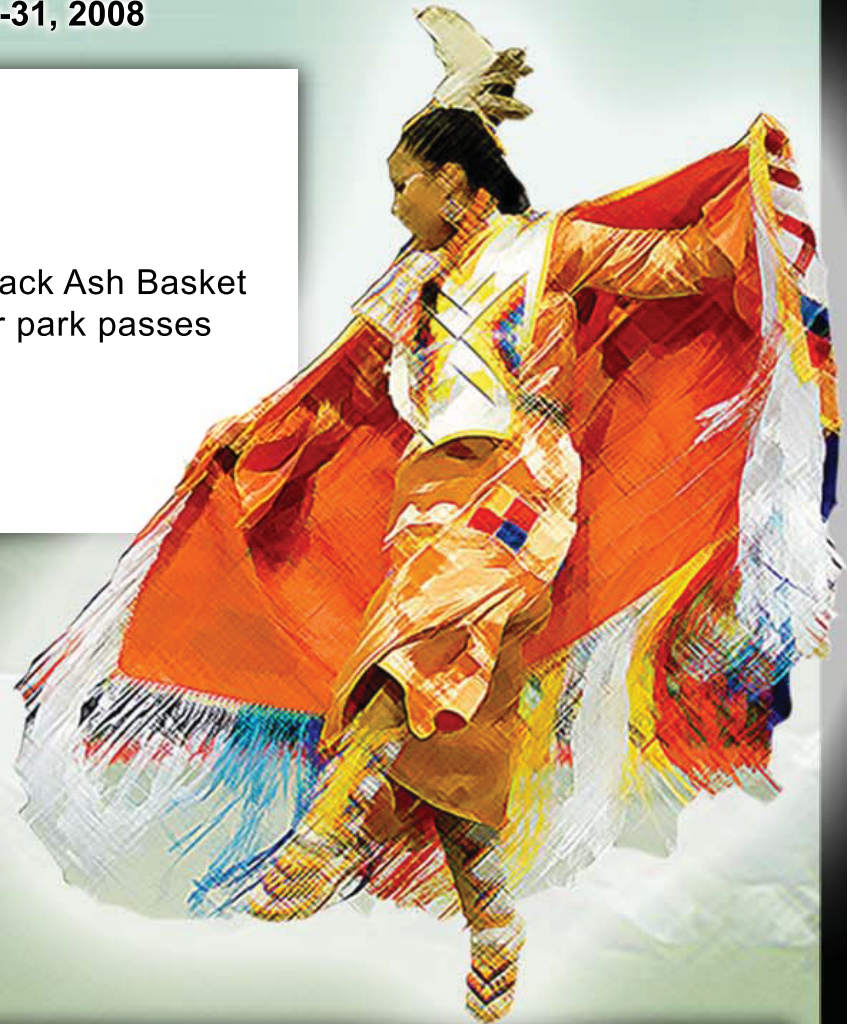
1st Prize – Camping Package valued at \$750

2nd – 5th prizes - Hand Drum - Turtle Rattle - Black Ash Basket
- Night stay @ Ramada Inn, Watervliet w/4 water park passes
- Other prizes, too many to list.

Need not be present to win

Tickets 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5

Drawing to be held Sunday Aug 31 at 3 PM



PRE-POWWOW ACTIVITY

Women's Water Walk

Friday, August 29, 2008

**3:00 PM Starting at Gage Street Property
Ending at Rodgers Lake**

As life-bearers, it is the responsibility of Anishnabe women to care for water. Pokagon women and their families are encouraged to participate in the tribes first ever Water Walk! The Water Walk is inspired by teachings shared during a recent visit by Ojibway elder Josephine Mandamin. The goal of Water Walk is to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our sacred water for our future generations.

Women should wear long skirts.

Everyone should wear comfortable walking shoes.

**Please contact Majel DeMarsh at (269) 782-6440 or
Andi Jackson at (269) 757-2520 for more info.**



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the September newsletter will be August 14. Send articles and announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

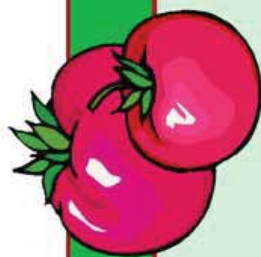
ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



August 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall



FRIDAY

THURSDAY


WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY



Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal.

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| 11 Closed Vacation | 12 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit/ Rolls | 13 Chicken Baked Potatoes Green Beans Coleslaw Fruit/ Wheat bread | 14 Business Buffalo Sloppy Joes Cold Tuna Salad/W Peas Veggie Tray Cottage Cheese/Fruit | 15 Pizza Or Stuffed Cabbages Tossed Salad Rolls Jell-O/ Fruit | 21 Social Sliced Ham Sweet Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Tossed Salad Fruit/Rolls | 22 Beef Stroganoff W/ Noodles Cauliflower/Broccoli/ Carrots Tossed Salad/Fruit/Rolls |
| 18 Chicken Noodle Soup And Dumplings Grilled Cheese Sandwich Angel Cake/Strawberries | 19 Goulash W/Kidney Beans Veggie Tray Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese/Fruit | 20 Beer Battered Cod Wild Rice W/ Mushrooms Squash Cornbread/Fruit | 27 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake | 28 Language Chili W/ Ground Turkey Tossed Salad Fruit Salad Brownies Cornbread | 29 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit/ V8 Juice | |
| 25 Barbeque Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Fruit/Rolls | 26 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad Fortune Cookies/ Fruit | 27 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake | 28 Language Chili W/ Ground Turkey Tossed Salad Fruit Salad Brownies Cornbread | 29 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Fresh Fruit/ V8 Juice | | |

Lunch Info:

PLEASE CALL THE DAY
BEFORE if you are not a
regular attendee for meals.

Meal Service begins at
12:00 Noon

269-782-0765
or
800-859-2717





The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

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| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau |
| 0228 | Carey | Lee | Morseau |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw |
| 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra |
| 0705 | Matthew | Thomas | Morris |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel |
| 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw |
| 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 1503 | Amanda | Elizabeth | Mix |
| 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 1788 | Amanda | Renee | Underwood |
| 1804 | Tia | Marie | Councilman |
| 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 2138 | Laura | Marie | Duddy |
| 2175 | Jordon | Matthew | Heflin |
| 2183 | Coy | George | Davison |
| 2188 | Adela | Nmn | Galvan |
| 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 2784 | Michael | Francis | Pillow |
| 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 2794 | Tony | Lee | Horn |
| 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 2952 | John | Anthony | Montano |
| 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 3149 | Aaron | Robert | Horner |
| 3166 | Tiffany | Melissa | Moor |
| 3266 | Bradley | Joseph | Ramirez |
| 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 3809 | Michel | Christian | Cook |
| 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

The following Tribal members had their July 2008 Per Capita checks returned by the Post Office. Please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777. You must also call Judy Augusta at the enrollment office to update your address, 269-782-1763 or 888-782-1001.

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| Eric Randall Blevins | Jonathan Morris |
| Brandon Alan Bontrager | Christine Morseau |
| Katherine A Carlton | Gary Morseau |
| Anthony John Carney | Taylor Morseau |
| Jonathon D Collins | Jamie Parsons |
| Elena Jean Dewey | Meghan Pillow |
| Veronica Diamond | Sarah Pillow |
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| Erin Therese Gebhardt | Michele Reynolds |
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| Kara Anne Alexis Gressel | Dawn Rummage |
| Gordon Henslee Jr. | Sarah Schippers |
| Cindy Jane Hill | Stephen Smiechowski |
| Jason Paul Holloway | Jenna Smith |
| Jeremy Ross Joy | Chad Swisher |
| Otis Kevin Lewis | Matthew Swisher |
| Jeffrey Marunycz | Roxane Tate |
| Gregory Matulaitis | Andrea Topash-Rios |
| | Andrew Trusler |
| | Robert Weesaw |
| | Joseph Scott Winchester Jr. |

A FEW NOTES REGARDING PER CAP...

Taxes being withheld from per capita payments

Beginning with the Per capita payment that you received May 1st, 2008, federal taxes will not be withheld. If you wish to continue having taxes withheld you must fill out the form that you received with your April 1st check. If you need a form, please call the Administration office and we can mail one to you.

Per Capita checks may not be picked up

Per the Revenue Allocation Plan, ALL per capita checks must be mailed. No one is allowed to pick up their check, even if it has been returned to us by the post office. If you are having difficulties receiving your check by mail, you need to check with the post office to straighten out whatever those issues may be.

Current mailing address

It is extremely important that when you move that you update your address with the Enrollment office and with your post office. We have several checks that get returned EVERY month due to members not updating their addresses with enrollment. These checks can not be mailed back out until the address is updated with enrollment.

Direct Deposit

It is extremely important that you notify Julie Farver in the Finance Department if you would like your direct deposit stopped. If you close your account, please notify us as soon as possible, preferably before you close your account.

Updates & Changes

Any updates and/or changes that you make to your name or address must be received by the enrollment coordinator 30 days in advance of the next per capita payment in order for that update/change to take place. If the update/change is not received in time, then the change will take place the following month.



New Car Seat Law

Effective July 1, 2008, until a child is either 8 years old OR 4'9" tall, they are required to ride in a child restraint (car seat) in the State of Michigan. An acceptable child restraint will depend on the child's height and weight. Pokagon Tribal Police Department have certified Car Seat Technicians that are available to check your child restraint and answer any questions that you may have. Pokagon Tribal Police Department will also issue a child restraint to a tribal member who is in need or if their child restraint is damaged, expired or on the recall list. An appointment is required to obtain or have a child restraint checked. The appointment will take approximately 30-45 minutes; in which the parent, along with their child, will receive instruction/training on the installation of the child restraint. Please contact Pokagon Tribal Police Department if you have any further questions at 269-782-2232.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Women's Health Fair 2008



Phoebe Hall



Thank you Jackie Genereaux



Grand Prize winner
Jill Byrket

Chi megwetch (big thank you) to the women who participated in the annual Women's Health Fair. We hope you had a good time; we certainly did.

More than 60 women attended the Health Fair. The agenda included more than just annual check ups and exams; the women were pampered and enjoyed manicures, haircuts, massages and much more. We look forward to seeing you and others next year!!

Update on Bmosè Myèwès (Walk the Path)

Can you hear the sound of footsteps? Bmosè Myèwès is in full stride. Bmosè Myèwès' (Walk the Path) is our program that helps people establish a healthy exercise habit.

To date:
52 have joined
Females outnumber males 3 to 1
Men, take this as a challenge!
10 children have joined

To sign up or for more information, call Susan Gundersen, R.D.
Public Health Nutritionist at (269) 782-4141 extension 243

"Close to the Heart," a program supporting breast feeding babies and honoring our values celebrates National Breast Feeding Week on August 1-7.

Please stop in at the Pokagon Band Health Services Office to meet Susan, RD, our Public Health Nutritionist. Learn about our resources available to support breastfeeding Moms.

Breastfeeding is a gift of love that lasts a lifetime.

IHS IS EXPANDING TO A 2nd BUILDING!

Some Health Services Department programs and staff will move across the street.

We will keep you informed.
Clinic and counseling stay at
57392 M-51 South Dowagiac



LEAD PAINT SAFETY What Tribal Members Should Know

Childhood Lead Poisoning, What is the Problem?

Approximately 890,000 children aged 1-5 years have blood lead levels greater than the CDC recommended level of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. Lead poisoning can affect virtually every body system.

Because lead poisoning often occurs with no distinctive symptoms, it frequently goes unrecognized. Lead poisoning can cause learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and, at very high levels, seizures, coma, and even death.

The most significant sources of lead exposure for U.S. children are deteriorated lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust. Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978. However, approximately 24 million housing units in the United States have deteriorated lead paint and elevated levels of lead-contaminated house dust; more than 4 million of these dwellings are homes to one or more young children.

Who is at risk?

Children under the age of six who live in a home built before 1978 are at the highest risk of lead poisoning.

Children from all social and economic strata can be affected, although children living in or below the poverty line who live in older housing are at greatest risk.

Can lead Poisoning be prevented?

Lead poisoning is entirely preventable. The key is stopping children from coming into contact with lead and treating children who have been poisoned by lead.

Lead hazards in a child's environment must be removed.

Children who are at risk of lead poisoning need to be tested, and, if necessary, treated.

If you are working on an older home, you must follow safe lead practices to limit the possibility of lead contamination. The Housing Department has a free guide to safe lead practices during renovations and other information on lead safety for any Tribal Members who are working on or living in an older home.

What Parents Can Do to Reduce Blood Lead Levels

Ask a doctor to test your child if you are concerned about your child being exposed to lead. If you live in an older home or apartment, you should have your children tested for lead paint exposure.

Damp-mop floors, damp-wipe surfaces, and frequently wash a child's hands, pacifiers, and toys to minimize the exposure to lead.

Avoid using home remedies (e.g. arzacón, greta, pay-loo-ah) and cosmetics (e.g. kohl, alkohl) that contain lead.

Take basic steps to decrease your exposure to lead if you remodel buildings built before 1978 (e.g. showering and changing clothes after finishing task) or if your work or hobbies include working with lead-based products.

Providing children with a healthy diet with special attention given to foods rich in Calcium and Iron can help limit lead poisoning.

Want to know more?

If you would like to find out more information about lead paint safety, please contact the Housing Department at (269)-783-0443.

We have information available to members on lead safety and offer a free home inspection for any members who are concerned about possible lead hazards in their homes.

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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"Our People, Our Homes"

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday, Uncle Roger!
Hope you have a great day.

Love Jessica, Ethan, and Emily

Dylan happy birthday We are so very proud of you and for all the work you do for ROTC. We are so blessed to have a wonderful Grandson like you. Happy sixteenth Birthday. We love you so much.

Love, Papa and Grandma Mckinney

Happy 30th Birthday Tamara Lynn
Piper

Love,
Your Family

Crystal Morseau 7-16

Happy Belated Birthday! Well, I want you to know I agree fully with the story I was telling you about our friend and the beautiful Indian Girl. Also, I believe in one of your dad's famous quotes, "You're not one in a million, but one of a great kind." Please know your family loves you very much, Baby Girl.

Love, Aunt Cleora



Congrats to Roger and Patricia Rader, and family.
Wedding was on July 11, 2008.

Happy 2nd Birthday
Cody Harmon
July 14th



With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad
Cheyenne, Alexis
and your
guardian angel Grammy



Thought you might enjoy the pictures I took of Chris White and the gang at the end of camp. What a crew!!!!!! They had a great time please extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make the time so special for all the kids.

Respectfully,
Barb White (Chris' grandmother)



JOB OPENING

Grant Administrator

The Pokagon Fund, a private foundation in New Buffalo, Michigan, is seeking a grant administrator to manage their grant portfolio and workflow including logging, tracking and follow up of proposals and awards; ensuring completion of grant proposals, processing correspondence, and managing follow-up reporting.

Additional duties include the support of the foundation's public relation initiatives through the writing of news releases, updating web site, and writing copy for foundation newsletter.

Ideal candidate will have 3 to 5 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and hold a bachelor's degree; exhibit exceptional organizational and communication skills; proven ability to master a diverse and demanding workload, and have previous grantmaking or grantwriting experience. Proven proficiency with Microsoft Office a must; experience with fundraising database helpful.

Position is full time and reports to Executive Director. Please forward cover letter, resume, and salary history to: jobs@pokagonfund.org by August 8th. The Pokagon Fund, Inc is an equal opportunity employer.

Mary L. Dunbar, Executive Director



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Don't forget.....

**The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
23rd Annual Kee-Boon-Mein Kaa
“Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest”
Contest Pow-wow**

August 30—31, 2008

Rodgers Lake
58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI

Grand Entry

Saturday
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday
1:00 PM

Featuring

*** Dance Contest * Hand Drum Special ***
*** Great Lakes Old Style
Traditional Special ***

**Public Welcome
FREE Admission!**

Head Staff

Host Drum: Smokeytown, WI
Invited Drums:
Whitefish Jr, MI
Buffalo Horse, WI
Ribbontown, MI
Master of Ceremonies: Leonard Malatare, IL
Head Veteran: Duece Miller, MI
Head Male Dancer: Will Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Female Dancer: Paula Hedgepeth, ONT
Head Male Jr Dancer: Aaron Martin, IN
Head Female Jr Dancer: Crystal Morseau, MI
Head Male Dance Judge: Nigel Schuyler, MI
Head Female Dance Judge: Marie Dreaver, MI
Arena Director: Steve Oldman Sr, MI

**American Indian vendors only. Vendor information contact Teresa Magnuson
Phone * (517) 712-5581 Email * teresa@redpaintprinting.com**

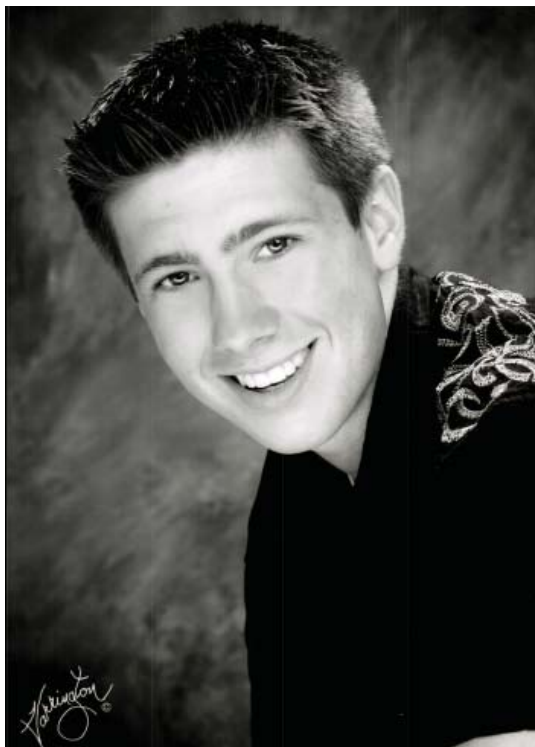
**Other pow-wow information contact Rhonda Purcell
Phone * (269) 462-2518 Email * rk.purcell@yahoo.com**

Host Hotel * Ramada Inn * 8258 Arnt Blvd Watervliet, MI 49098 * (269) 463-7946

Call by July 28 to receive pow-wow discount. Don't forget to ask for pow-wow rate!

Rustic camping also available for pow-wow participants

No firearms, drugs, alcohol, tribal politics, or pets in the pow-wow area.



CODY SMITH

Cody is 16 years old. He has recently graduated from Penn Foster High school. He is the son of Angela Manfredine and William Smith. Cody resides with his mother and step father Lawrence Manfredine, 2 brothers and 1 sister in New Buffalo, MI. Cody's family relocated to New Buffalo MI in April of 2007. Cody's mother Angela accepted a position at Four Winds Casino. Cody was very persistent at doing home schooling on line to complete the rest of his high school courses. He started his classes in September 07, he completed 10th, 11th & 12th grade in 8 months with a GPA of 3.4. Cody enjoys skateboarding, snowboarding and weight training. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends & listening to music. Cody is working as an apprentice in the masonry field. He has been working since October 07 along with doing his schooling.

Department of Education Welcomes Laurel Bieschke

Please welcome Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate, who began working in the Education Department at the end of May. Laurel is from South Bend, IN and feels honored to drive the scenic route to Dowagiac every morning to serve the Pokagon community. She earned her B.A. in English-Creative Writing from Indiana University, where she also minored in Cultural Anthropology and International Studies. She decided to delay graduate school for a few years in order to pursue her writing and find a creative and meaningful job. Eventually she would like to earn an M.A. in Activist Anthropology at the University of Texas-Austin but is making herself learn Spanish first! Laurel is looking forward to learning from the community as much as she is to teaching, so please don't hesitate to give her a call.

SIGN UP FOR BACKPACKS!

Backpacks and school supplies are available for the following students:

—All Pokagon Band members in grades Pre-K-12th grade (residing anywhere)

—All Native American students from federally recognized tribes attending public school in the 10 county service area

—All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10 county service area

Parents/guardians of eligible students must complete a "2008-2009 Application for Pre K-12 Services" form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian.

August 30-31 (Pow wow days) at the Department of Education
Sat, August 30th 11 am-6 pm
Sun, August 31st Noon-4 pm

Tuition Incentive Program

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible Michigan students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).

Students may be identified as TIP eligible as early as sixth grade, typically 12 years old or older. Students may begin using the TIP by enrolling at a participating college/university within four years of high school graduation. Eligibility ends within ten years of high school graduation or GED completion.

There are two phases of TIP which can help cover the costs of attending college including tuition, technology fees, registration fees, etc. Most community colleges and public universities are included in this program as well as some private universities. Contact the Department of Education for a complete list of eligible colleges.

For more information on the TIP program, please visit www.michigan.gov/osg. You may contact the Office of Scholarships and Grants toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS or by visiting Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist, at the Department of Education.

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is available for the 2008-2009 school year for Native American students in the 10 county service area attending public schools. Now is a good time to find out more information about the tutoring services.

Please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com



Walpole Island First Nation
"Potawatomi Gathering"
August 8, 9, 10, 2008

"MAAWNJIDIWAAD ANISHNAABEG WII-KENDMOWAAD NISHNAABEMWIN"

"Our People Gathering to Learn the Language"

August 5, 6, 7, 2008

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

**Bkejwanong Waa-zhi-nishnaabemong
— Bkejwanong Language Conference —**

*presented by Bkejwanong's...
Anishnaabe Language Advisory Group
and the Walpole Island First Nation*



Registration:

Call or e-mail for registration details

Location:

Walpole Island Elementry School

Accomadations:

- Rooms available in Wallaceburg
- Rough camping will be available

For more information contact:

Chris Riley
Conference Coordinator
Phone: 519-627-2999
E-mail: tribalapparel@aol.com

For Potawatomi Gathering information contact:

Karen Deleary
Potawatomi Gathering Coordinator

Workshop Topics / Activities:

- How the "Language Shift" from Anishnaabemwin to English was created and how to reverse it.
- What can we do to help the revitalization process?
- What are methodologies of language revitalization?
- Native language and cultural interconnectedness.
- History of residential school and colonization.
- Successful community language revitalization case studies.
- How technology is utilized to teach/learn language.
- Differing dialects; sharing circles, etc.
- Ceremonies, story telling, songs, games, crafts, etc.
- Tours of the Walpole Island First Nation Community.

Visit our website at: www.bkejwanong.com/alag

Bkejwanong's Anishnaabe Language Advisory Group and the Walpole Island First Nation are not responsible for personal injuries, damaged property, lost or stolen items.



Pokagon Tribal Judge Supports Tribal Courts in U.S. Supreme Court Case

Submitted by: Justice Jill E. Tompkins of the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals

More than 500 cows and calves died and a tribally owned ranching business—in operation for more than five decades—was wiped out when a bank failed to provide funds it had agreed to supply. The ranch, the Long Family Land and Family Company owned by tribal members Ronnie and Lila Long, filed suit against the Plains Commerce Bank in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court for discrimination and breach of contract. The tribal jury found in favor of the Longs and awarded nearly \$900,000 in damages. Interestingly, the bank had been involved in eight previous cases in tribal court and this was the first one it had lost.

The bank subsequently unsuccessfully filed suit in the U.S. District Court and the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals arguing that the tribal court did not have jurisdiction over it because it is non-Indian. In most situations, under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1981 ruling in *Montana vs. U.S.*, tribes, in general, lack jurisdiction over non-Indians except in certain conditions. The 8th Circuit ruled that the conditions were satisfied in the case. The bank had benefitted from the ranch's tribal status when it received Bureau of Indian Affairs loan guarantees, had previously acknowledged the likelihood of tribal court jurisdiction and had established a consensual relationship with the Longs, and therefore the Cheyenne River Sioux government had the right to regulate the conduct of the bank, ruled the three judge panel.

After losing in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, the bank filed a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. The petition for cert was granted and now the Supreme Court will have the chance to revisit its decision in *Montana v. U.S.* The Court has agreed to hear the bank's challenge to the ability of tribal courts to hear tort claims brought by tribal member-owned corporations against non-member defendants. Due to the fact that the ruling of the Supreme Court will affect the authority of every tribal court in the country to hear such cases, Pokagon Tribal Appellate Justice Jill E. Tompkins (Penobscot) who is the Director of the University of Colorado American Indian Law Clinic and Courtney Frola, a student attorney in the clinic, wrote an amicus ("friend of the court") brief on behalf of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA). Joining NAICJA on the brief were the Northwest Intertribal Court System and the Navajo Nation—which has one of the busiest and most sophisticated tribal justice systems in the U.S. The primary purpose of the brief is to inform the U.S. Supreme Court justices of the hundreds of tribal courts that are well-functioning and hearing, in a fair manner, thousands of cases each year involving non-Indians. It was also important for the Court to be made aware of the adverse impact that a ruling finding no jurisdiction over non-Indians would be in that it would be a severe blow to tribal sovereignty, self-government and community safety. Oral arguments before the Supreme Court were held on April 14, 2008 and a decision is still pending.

Postscript: The decision was rendered on June 25, 2008. The Court focused on the fee status of the land, which was within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, rather than the consensual relationship voluntarily entered into by the non-Indian bank along with its history of a course of dealings with the Tribe and its members, and ruled that the Tribal Court did not have jurisdiction to hear the discrimination claim.



Nokomas/Meshomas Scholarship / Incentive Fund Awards Presented on June 26, 2008

Awards were presented to the students at the Elders Picnic. Congratulations to all of the award winners, keep up the good work. Three seniors received awards, four grade school students received Incentive awards. Awards will be presented again next year.

Women's Talking Circle

There have 12 to 15 women showing up for our Water Ceremonies and talking circle and everyone has so much to contribute. Our next session will be August 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Lion's Park in St. Joseph, MI. Weather permitting we hope to sing and pray for the water of Lake Michigan. Please come and join us and help up plan for our Water Walk the Friday before our Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa pow wow. As always bring your chairs and a snack to share, but do not forget to wear your skirts. If the weather is inclement, please call Majel at 269-782-6440 for directions to her home.

POW WOW COMMITTEE IS SERCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Pow-Wow Committee seeks volunteers to assist with making the Pow Wow a safe, well organized, and enjoyable event for all visitors! We are looking for vendor assistants, parking attendants, golf cart drivers, security, and t-shirt sales persons. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Kelly Curran at (269) 782-6323 to sign up for a shift. Please be aware, there is a mandatory volunteer training session the evening of Friday, August 29th at Rodgers Lake. Dinner will be provided. This is a great opportunity to support your community...call Kelly today!

Tutors Wanted

The Department of Education's K-12 Program is seeking tutors for the upcoming 2008-2009 School year. Tutors would work in the Pokagon Band 10 county service area. Interested tutors must:

- Be committed to tutor for the entire 2008-2009 school year (2-4 hrs weekly per assigned student for 32 weeks)
- Be willing to submit and able to pass required background checks
- Have graduated from high school (Preference will be given to college graduates and those with some college background)
- Have a strong academic background in Reading/English, Math or Science
- Be willing to attend any necessary training

If you are interested in more information, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

TRADITIONAL HEALER JAKE PINE

From Ketegannseebee First Nation of Ojibways Ontario, Canada. Jake Pine will be in our community on these following dates to provide his gift of healing to our people. To make an appointment contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234. Appointments are scheduled in half hour increments and times are as follows:

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

JULY 30-31 , AUGUST 1st

August 27,28,29,30th

On August 30th, Jake will be here from 8:00-12:00 p.m.

Bring Your Sema! (Tobacco)

**Below is the year end list of days
that the Pokagon Band Offices will
be closed. Please take note for your
convienience.**

September 1

Labor Day

September 22

Reaffirmation Day

November 27 and 28

Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25

Christmas

December 31 and January 1

New Years



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal Council

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(269) 783-0026/
(866)-250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

South Bend Area Office
310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN. 46545
(574)-255-2368 /
Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 783-0443 /
Toll Free (877) 983-0385
FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0505 /
FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

September 2008

Summer Youth Internship Program

BOOZHOO SYIP Employees, Department Supervisors and helpers!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Summer Youth Internship Programs successful! A special thanks of appreciation to the departments and their supervisors for taking time to work with the summer youth employees. Your support helps to provide the opportunity for the summer youth to grow and learn both culturally and professionally and helps the program grow.

To all the summer youth internship program employees, you did a fine job! Keep up the good work! Remember, the experiences and job skills you learned are good resources for your future goals and plans. If you need help with your resume, please give me a call at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 782-0887.

MEGWETCH!

Traci Henslee, Curriculum Associate (SYIP Supervisor)



"I'd like to thank the youth group for doing another fine job working with the Maintenance staff this summer. They are a great group of fine young men who did their parents proud! Thanks so much, Marah Starrett, Dylan Johnson, Richard & Michael Rodriguez, Derek & Cody Carpenter, it was a pleasure working with you guys. "Pokagon Mike" & Crew."



Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or
impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for
membership submissions for the
October newsletter will be
September 14. Send articles and
announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Food Commodities staff will be on-hand when bread is available from Felpausch. Please contact the Food Commodities program to confirm times and availability.

– Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: Health Services Social Worker
2nd Tuesday of the month: Contract Health Services Processor
3rd Tuesday of the month: Community Health Nurse
4th Tuesday of the month: Community Health Representative
Each Tuesday: Behavioral Health Counselor

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Michael D. Rapp
Touquin, Michigan

Michael D. Rapp Jr. D.O.B. 3-15-1942, 66 years old. Parents are Michael D. Rapp Sr. and Agnes (Aggie) Rapp. Brothers Dan Rapp and (Sam Rapp-passed away this year) sister, Cindy Rapp.

Married: to Kuscuitta Rapp with three daughters Debbie, Kathy, and Michella. Lived at Touquin for the last 32 years, a little hamlet northwest of Hartford, at the corner of Co. Line Rd. and CR 376.

I was the Chaplain at the Berrien County Jail for 20 years. I was a Missionary for the Forgotten Man Ministries station at the jail. Sheriff Nick

Jewel, Sheriff Steve Marshque, Sheriff Robert Kimmerly and Sheriff Paul Bailey, Chaplain under these Sheriff. Kuscuito (my wife) was the Chaplain to the women for 15 years. We worked together organizing the religious activities inside the jail. This work was very interesting. People making wrong choices, young people addicted to drugs and alcohol. Then there was the big crime (murder) most of these had an emotional effect on the person. Then there was the cold blooded person, who was not guilty. The saddest was the women caught up in all of this with children. Out of High School I worked in the grocery food industry, from bag boy to store manager.

I was born at Lake City at home, we moved to Benton Harbor, MI. I was 2 years old we lived at Morton Hill in an apartment. Dad got a job at Paramount Die Casting, we moved to Fairplain, on Jakeway Ave. Mom said "Do Not Go Near The River" (St. Joseph) We Did!!! Fell in, swam and fished there, the whole neighborhood would meet at the swimming hole, a great time.

We retired at age 62, our life now is to help grandchildren make it in this life. Our love and life are these great grandchildren that the Lord of Heaven and Earth has given us. Life has had its hard times, sad times, and good times we have enjoyed them all. More to write about but little time.

Hobbies are Pike fishing, Golfing, travel and teaching grand and great children fishing and golfing.

September 2008 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> |
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| 1 CLOSED LABOR DAY | 2 Salmon Patties Baked Potato Green Bean Casserole Fruit/ Roll Tomato Salad | 3 Grilled Brats Grilled Vegetables/Potatoes Fruit Salad Rolls Oatmeal Raisin Cookie | 4 Business Chicken Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit/Rolls Pumpkin Pie | 5 Pizza Day OR Stuffed Green Peppers Tossed Salad Jell-O W/Fruit |
| 8 Beef Vegetable Soup W/Dumplings Grilled Cheese Sandwich Coleslaw Watermelon | 9 Fish Macaroni and Cheese Tossed Salad Brussels Sprouts Fruit/Rolls | 10 Barbeque Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Salad/Rolls | 11 Language Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit/Rolls | 12 Grilled Pork Chops Wild Rice Squash Berries Rolls |
| 15 Hot and Barbeque Chicken Wings Cheese Potatoes Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit/Rolls | 16 Buffalo Tacos W/Lettuce, tomatoes, beans, and cheese Fruit Blueberry Pie | 17 Beef Stir Fry W/Rice Banana Pudding W/Vanilla Wafers Tossed Salad/Rolls | 18 Social Grilled Pork Steaks Sweet Potatoes Corn Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit/Rolls | 19 Tuna Casserole W/Mixed Veggies Beets Tossed Salad Cornbread/Fruit |
| 22 Closed Reaffirmation Day | 23 Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and Cheese Casserole Apple Crisp Cornbread | 24 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Melon Cranberry Juice | 25 Language Baked Salmon Alfredo Noodles Spinach Fruit/Rolls Apple Pie | 26 Buffalo Burgers on the Grill Potato Salad Coleslaw Fruit |
| 29 Boiled Dinner (sausage, beans, potatoes, onions, cabbage, corn) Cornbread/ Cottage Cheese W Fruit Angel food Cake W Strawberries | 30 Hot Beef Manhattan Mashed Potatoes Bread/Asparagus/Fruit/Sherbet | Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/burgers. | | |



The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

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| 0705 | Matthew | Thomas | Morris |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel |
| 1050 | Jennifer | Marie | Green |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw |
| 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 1788 | Amanda | Renee | Underwood |
| 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 2175 | Jordon | Matthew | Heflin |
| 2183 | Coy | George | Davison |
| 2188 | Adela | Nmn | Galvan |
| 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 2650 | Andrea | Rene | Rider |
| 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 2784 | Michael | Francis | Pillow |
| 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 2952 | John | Anthony | Montano |
| 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 3166 | Tiffany | Melissa | Moor |
| 3266 | Bradley | Joseph | Ramirez |
| 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 3809 | Michel | Christian | Cook |
| 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

The following Tribal members had their July 2008 Per Capita checks returned by the Post Office. Please call Julie Farver at 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777. You must also call Judy Augusta at the enrollment office to update your address, 269-782-1763 or 888-782-1001.

Jessie David Ballew
Eric Randall Blevins
Katherine A Carlton
Elena Jean Dewey
Frank Lee Gallegos Jr
Cindy Jane Hill
Jeffrey Marunycz
Gregory Matulaitis
Jonathon Morris
Christine Morseau
Gary Morseau
Taylor Morseau
Sarah Pillow
Michele Reynolds
Alexis Rodriguez
Sarah Schippers
Andrew Trusler
Joseph Scott Winchester Jr.



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



Annual Joint Meeting of Tribal Council and Tribal Judiciary Held on July 16, 2008

On July 16, 2008, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council and the Pokagon Band Judiciary held their annual joint meeting. Tribal Council and the Judiciary have met on an annual basis since the establishment of the Tribal courts in 2003. The meeting is designed to share information to keep each other informed and to foster collaboration between the two branches of government to ensure that both are working together to meet community needs. Thus, the meeting is structured to update each other on activities, future plans, share other relevant information, discuss needs and review report information supported by statistics and other data. In addition to the collaboration between Tribal Council and the Judiciary, it is also a time meet face to face. Busy schedules and distances make it difficult to meet in person, but Tribal Council and the Judiciary are dedicated to holding an annual meeting to continue the strong collaborative relationship between the two branches of government.

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey presented information and accomplishments about the Court. The Chief Judge spoke about the current work of the Judiciary under the Pokagon Band Tribal Constitution. The Tribal Constitution mandates that the Court of Appeals establish and amend general rules for practice, procedure and evidence in the Tribal Court and the Court of Appeals. The Judiciary is accomplishing this with the development and adoption of Chapters of Court Rules and Administrative Orders. Current Chapters of Court Rules and Administrative Orders can be found on the Pokagon Band's website. The Judiciary is currently working under a Tribal Court Assistance Grant to draft rules of civil procedure and rules of evidence. The work on these Chapters of Court Rules are close to completion.

The Chief Judge presented the Judiciary's work involving technical revisions and amendments to the current Court Rules. The Judiciary understands that court rules may need revision from time to time to "fine tune" them. Thus, the Judiciary is now working on technical revisions and amendments to the following Chapters of Court Rules:

Court Rules for Small Claims; and
Court Rules for Recognition of Foreign Judgments.

The revisions and amendments will better address such matters as recognition of foreign court subpoenas and warrants, and removal of small claims matters from the Small Claims Division to the General Civil Division of the Court.

Each year the Court provides Tribal Council a joint meeting report. Included with the report is statistical data of cases transferred or filed in Tribal Court. The Chief Judge presented data on the numbers and types of cases transferred or filed in Tribal Court since the opening of the Four Winds Casino Resort. The case numbers demonstrate the dramatic increase and steady growth in caseload handled by the Court. From July 31, 2007 to July 16, 2008, two hundred seventy six (276) cases were transferred or filed in Tribal Court. Many of the cases involve the recognition of foreign court judgments and orders which may include child support orders, monetary judgments, bankruptcy orders, student loan payment orders, and wage assignment orders. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is a separate sovereign within the family of governments that exist within the United States. As a sovereign government, the Pokagon Band Tribal Council provides substantive law and

the Tribal Judiciary provides court rules for procedure and practice before the Pokagon Band Tribal courts. Tribal law and Tribal Court Rules require that a foreign order or judgment be recognized by the Tribal Court before it is enforced.

As presented by the Chief Judge, the Court is committed to providing Tribal Council and the Tribal community information about the activities of the Court. The Court will continue to provide updated information about cases before the Court. However, as explained by the Chief Judge, although the numbers and types of cases help to demonstrate what the Court is involved in, it may not fully explain the work that the Court must accomplish within the cases. To give a better explanation, the Court provided Tribal Council some of the forms developed by the Court to further update Tribal Council on the work that the Court is accomplishing.

The Court Administrator provided an overview of the development of Court forms on an everyday basis. The Court Administrator presented information about how forms state procedures that parties are to follow and what actions parties may need to take within a case. Also, Court forms direct parties to do as ordered by the Court. The Court is addressing new types of matters everyday with the expansion of the Pokagon Band's laws and economic development. Each type of matter has lead to the Court having to develop new forms. Further, even though a case may be the same "type" of case already presented before the Court in the past, new circumstances can lead to the creation of an order that must meet the new circumstances before the Court. Therefore, as presented, a great deal of work is spent in this area.

The Tribal Judiciary heard from Tribal Council about the forecast for the future of the Pokagon Band community. The Court was provided an overview on issues such as recommending collaboration to develop systems for adoptions and guardianships and recommendations of additional Court filing fees as requested by Tribal Council. The Court was also provided with information about new laws and procedures being developed by Tribal Council and the Office of General Counsel. The information helps the Tribal Judiciary to prepare for current activities and plan for future needs as they may occur.

Overall, the meeting allowed for an open dialog between Tribal Council and the Judiciary, an opportunity to ask questions and provide information. The Judiciary and Tribal Council embraced the opportunity to meet again and hear about the progress the Band has accomplished and continues to make. Both are committed to this annual event.

Submitted by Stephen H. Rambeaux, Tribal Court Administrator.



Pokagon Band Annual Men's Health Fair

Target Audience: Men enrolled in federally-recognized tribes
When: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Time: 3 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. *
Where: Pokagon Health Services Department
57392 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047

*Earlier fasting labs by appointment

We will offer the same labs and exams as last year along with fun activities and great prizes!
We look forward to seeing you!!



HOUSING

Is there a Manufactured or Modular home in your future?
Are you considering the purchase of a manufactured or modular home?
It's a major decision - we're here to provide support and advice. So...before
you enter into a contract, contact the Department of Housing at (269)
783-0443 or (877) 983-0385. We're here for you!

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Department of Housing
32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



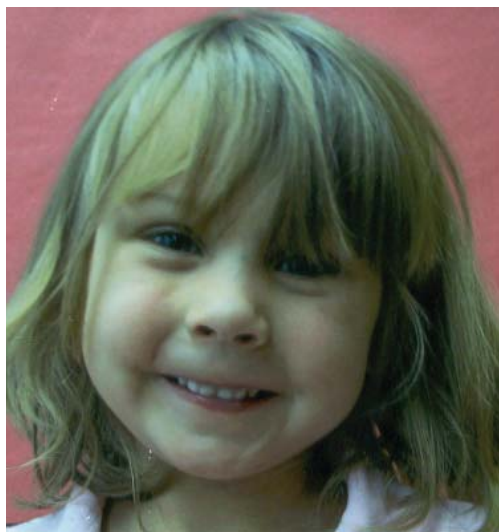
September 9th
HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY
Jakob Cardinal Lane Baham
We love you angel!!

Love,
Mommy, Granny & Josh

Happy tenth birthday, Jacob
(10th birthday). We are so
proud of your good grades in
school. Hope you have a great
year in fifth grade. You and
Dad enjoy your fishing trips.
We love you .

Papa Ron and Grandma McK-
inney

Happy Birthday.
Gary Morseau.
Love, Martha Ann, Josh,
and Sydney



Mshak Gigyagonan (Our Big Girl),
Noe'g Pon Wges (She is seven years old.)
Shyanne Nichole Newsome, Happy Birthday! (Sept. 1st).
Gtabaginan pine' (We love you always.)
Mom - Jennifer Gulick, Dad-Victor Newsome,
Gampa - Vic Starrett, Aunt/Uncle-Tina and Butch Starrett,
Aunt - Donna Starrett and the rest of the family.



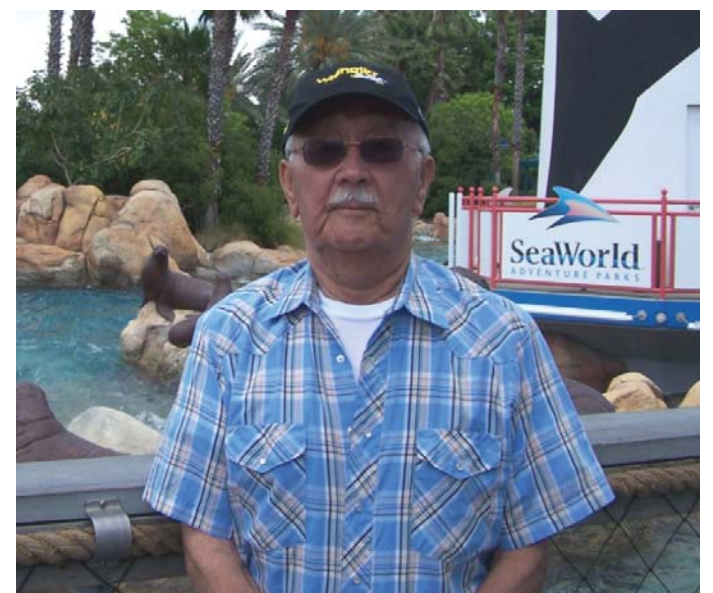
Congratulations Nicole Graves graduating
from IUSB Nursing School May 6, 2008.
Passing state boards July 19, 2008. Now
R.N. in Oncology at Elkhart General Hos-
pital. We are so proud. Grand daughter of
late Wanda Topash Campbell. Daughter of
Jill and Jeff Byrket.



Bonnie Gibson

Happy Birthday Bonnie! You are
a wonderful daughter and sister
and we love you very much. Here's
hoping your birthday is extra spe-
cial. You are the kindest, most car-
ing person we know and we send
you our love and prayers today and
always.

We love you!
Dad, Jim, Crystal, and Peggy



Bud Gibson

Happy Birthday Dad! You are the best and we love and
admire you more than you can know. You have been a
tower of strength and courage and we hope your birth-
day is as wonderful as you! Our love and prayers are
with you not only on your birthday, but every day.

Your adoring family!
Bonnie, Jim, Crystal, and Peggy

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 10th Birthday
Kayley May Gillette

Love, All of your family

Daniel also known as DaDa . Happy Birthday
to our first born grandson.Hope you have a
great day. We wish happiness and joy for you
always.

We love you. Papa Ron and
Grandma McKinney

Happy Birthday To a
great Kentucky Son-in-
Law. Hope to see you
soon.Have great birthday.

Love you, Dad and Mom
McKinney

Happy 19th Anniversary, Gary
and Chris Morseau.
Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney.

Attention Pokagon Veterans

A meeting call for all Pokagon Vet-
erans (combat and peacetime) at
Rogers Lake in the pavillion behind
the Lodge to discuss by-laws, organi-
zation and future projects. Meeting
time is Saturday, 8:00 a.m., Septem-
ber 13, 2008.

If you can not make this meeting
please call me at (616) 245-4316.
Roger Williams



Congratulations! David, Rhonda, Sierra
to the new addition to your family.
Love, your family.

Learn the Language

Wénije/Who
Family terms

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|---------|-----------------|
| Nin | Me or I |
| Gin | You |
| Win | Him or Her |
| Nijanes | My child |
| Ngwes | My son |
| Ndanes | My daughter |
| Gijanes | Your child |
| GGwes | Your son |
| Gdanes | Your daughter |
| Nos | My father |
| Ngyé | My mother |
| Nikan | Friend/Brother |
| Ntawes | Cousin |
| Nshimé | Younger sibling |

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-
8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at
the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at
the Dowagiac Education on Sept 18th.

Pokagon Mishawaka office classes are on Sept 25th
from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at the Department of
Education in Dowagiac. The van leaves at 5:30pm.
Please bring money for dinner. Please call Matthew
Morsaw at 1-888-330-1234 if you plan to ride, since
there is limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders Hall on the 2nd
and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00 am.



Happy Birthday Daughter
From Mom and Dad

We would like to take this oppor-
tunity to thank the Pokagon Band
Council for the chance to work in
the Summer Youth Internship Pro-
gram this summer. We spent our
hours in the Maintenance Depart-
ment and really enjoyed learning
and meeting new people. We want
to send a special thank you to Mi-
chael Jackson and his crew, Bob
Linn Sr., Oddil Shaer, and Richard
Shingwauk, we really appreciate the
time you took with us you guys are
the best! You added to a wonder-
ful summer vacation from school!
We look forward to seeing you guys
around! Thanks again.

Michael and Richard Newcomer



Pokagon Band Head Start

The first day of school is Tuesday September 2, 2008! School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture and incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony.

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2008 to be eligible for the current school year. We are currently full for the funded thirty-three slots. However, we always accept applications for the waiting list. Please contact the office to have a pre-application mailed to you. You will need to return proof of all household income with the pre-application. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Volunteers

Summer is a time for planning for the upcoming school year. This is also a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the next school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! We will be looking for any donations for small and large pumpkins for the kids to decorate in class and for families to carve for family fun night in October. If you or you know of someone who would like to donate pumpkins, please contact us at the center.

Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

September Birthdays:
Mrs. Kathy Sweeney 9/4

October Birthdays:
Jacoba West Jr. 10/12
Happy 4th Birthday!

Joshua Winchester-Jones 10/20
Happy 3rd Birthday!

Family Fun Night

The September Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday September 25, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We will be holding Policy Council & Parent Committee Elections. Each Head Start Program needs to have a Parent Policy Council Representative and a Community Policy Council Representative. Policy Council Members can hold up to a three-year seat. Policy Council Representatives are a part of the decision making for our Head Start Programs. Policy Council Representatives are a part of the hiring/firing process of Head Start Staff, overview and approve Head Start budget, overview and approve Head Start policies & procedures, report to other Head Start Programs about activities and accomplishments of our Head Start Program, are a part of the Federal Review Process and attend meetings at ITC-Central Meetings with the other 6 Head Start sites for collaboration.

Samantha Townsend has been the Parent Policy Council Representative for the last year, and will be able to hold a seat for an additional two years.

Tom Topash has been the Community Policy Council Representative for the last three years, so unfortunately this was Tom's last year. So we are in need of a new Community Representative. If you are interested, or have any questions please contact the center.

We will also be doing a parent awareness training on bus & pedestrian safety.

The October Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday October 30, 2008 from 6:00-8:00. We will be carving pumpkins, having a Halloween Party and other activities.

A Special Thanks:

The ITC-Pokagon Band Head Start Program would like to recognize the Pokagon Fund for their kind and generous award of \$74,825 to purchase a new school bus. The Pokagon Band Head Start Program owned a 1999 small school bus that was permanently red-tagged for school use at the end of the 2007-2008 School Year.

The Pokagon Band Head Start Program investigated all avenues for possible funding, and there was no funding available to replace the bus. The ITC-Pokagon Band Head Start Program applied for the grant in May of 2008 and received an award letter on June 9, 2008.

The program would like to recognize the Pokagon Fund for such a quick turn around for this award. The program was on tight time constraints to order and receive a new school bus before the start of school in September. Thanks to the quick response from the Pokagon Fund, the new school bus will be delivered in the middle of August, just in time for school!

This funding will ensure that the Head Start children can continue to receive early childhood development/education services on a regular basis and that they are provided with safe and reliable transportation on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Sarah Hyatt, Pokagon Band Head Start Center Director
Pokagon Head Start Children, Families & Staff
Inter-Tribal Council Of Michigan, Inc.



Adult Education

Are you Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who needs assistance to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member residing in any region of the United States who wants to continue your education by completing your GED?

If so, please contact Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information, to discuss the eligibility requirements for the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program or the Adult Education program.

Resume Building Assistance/Workshop

To all those who are Native American tribal cardholders living in the 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who would like assistance with Resume writing, interview tips, work experience, On-The-Job Training and support services:

A Resume Workshop is being scheduled at the Pokagon Band Offices in Dowagiac, October 4th and the Mishawaka Office on November 1st.

If you are interested in attending either one of these workshops, please call Traci Henslee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 for further information.

K-12 Programs Available

During the School Year for Pokagon Band Members
through the Department of Education

- School Supplies Reimbursement Program

All tribal youth, attending school from Pre-K-12th grades are eligible for a yearly \$50 reimbursement for school related items and other supplies for extracurricular activities.

- Backpacks

All tribal youth, attending school from Pre K-12th grades are eligible for backpacks/ gym bags / messenger bags(based on availability)

- One-to-One Tutoring

Tutoring is available to K-12th grade students in the 10 county area attending public school. Services are limited and are based on academic need. It is best to contact the Department of Education at the beginning of the school year to accommodate a student's schedule.

- After School Enrichment Labs

There will be two locations this school year for after school labs which will focus on homework assistance and culturally based academics. There will be a Monday lab at the Pokagon Head Start Building in Dowagiac with transportation provided from Dowagiac public schools. There is also a Wednesday lab scheduled at the Red Arrow Elementary School in Hartford.

- High School Success Program

This is a financial support program from high school seniors. The program will pay or reimburse for a students graduation cap and gown, one ACT or SAT test, and up to \$100 in college application fees.

- College Visits

High school students are invited to participate in one day and overnight visits to universities and colleges in Michigan and Indiana.

For more details, please contact Heather Pauley at 1-888-330-1234 or at heather.pauley2@pokagon.com.

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors!

Attention Community College Students!

(AND parents!)

On, Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6PM, The 31st Annual St. Joseph County College Fair, with representatives from over 80-100 universities, colleges and technical schools, will take place at the Century Center in South Bend. This is a great opportunity to visit with numerous schools all in one setting. Collect general information, talk about financial aid, talk about different programs all in ONE NIGHT!

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist at 269-782-0887 to make arrangements! We will be carpooling from the Education Department located on Sink Road in Dowagiac.

Departure time is 5 PM SHARP.

(Please eat prior to attending as there will not be enough time to stop for dinner.) Estimated return time is 9 PM.

Attention College Students and College Graduates:

The Department of Education is looking for tribal members who have participated in college internship programs. If you have participated in a program of which you would like other tribal members to know about, please contact Chad Dee, the Higher Education Specialist by telephone at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at chad.dee@pokagon.com.

Information on Receiving Backpacks

Backpacks will be available at the Pow wow on August 30th-31st at the Department of Education Office.

Saturday, August 30th 11 am-6 pm

Sunday, August 31st Noon-4 pm

Backpacks will also be available in the Dowagiac Office after the Pow wow dates.

For more information, please contact Heather Pauley @ 1-888-330-1234.

Backpacks and school supplies are available for the following students:

—All Pokagon Band members in grades Pre-K-12th grade (residing anywhere)

—All Native American students from federally recognized tribes attending public school in the 10 county service area

—All Native American students from state recognized tribes attending specific school districts in the 10 county service area

Parents/guardians of eligible students must complete a "2008-2009 Application for Pre K-12 Services" form. This form must be signed by the legal parent/guardian and a copy of the student's tribal card must be given.

PLEASE NOTE: If anyone besides the parent/guardian is planning to pick-up a backpack, that person MUST bring the application form signed by the legal parent/guardian along with the copy of the student's tribal card.



Summer School 2008

July 31 concluded the five week run of Pokagon Summer School 2008. This year forty students registered, and we had three classrooms staffed by wonderful teachers and dedicated summer youth interns in addition to Education and Head Start staff. We used a holistic approach in constructing curriculum that would allow students to grow both academically and culturally. This year's theme was "Native Americans: Many Tribes, One Nation," which turned the classroom focus to Native Nations across North America. Often, lesson plans integrated cultural explorations of indigenous people of Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Mexico as well as our own neighboring tribes. Anishinabe cultural presentations and teachings were the foundation for the second session of each day.

The first session of each day was dedicated to the core subject areas of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. Each child was able to build upon the knowledge acquired from the previous school year and delve into some concepts that may be introduced in the fall. In addition, reading, writing, and listening comprehension were taught in imaginative ways by each classroom. The kindergarten and first grade room viewed *Walking With Grandfather*, a film in which two children learn valuable lessons about nature and life while walking with a Lakota elder. The second, third, and fourth graders learned about the pain of loss and the power of loyalty from a cantankerous dog in the book *Summer of Riley*, by Eve Bunting. In room three, the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders had the opportunity to write their own books based off of creative writing prompts that allowed them to be superheroes and interact with aliens!

The second session of each day brought many wonderful presenters from our community. During week three, naturalists Chuck and Mindy from Sarett Nature Center taught the children about ducks with teeth, frogs that bark, and birds that stand on their tiptoes—all animals local to our area. We also received a visit from talented artist, Michele Gauthier, who inspired the children with her storytelling and drawing technique. Throughout all five weeks, Majel DeMarsh, John, Winchester, and Frank Barker shared their knowledge of the Potawatomi language with the students. The children learned numbers, colors, introduction phrases, face parts, table settings, foods, firekeeper words, and fishing words.



On the last Wednesday of summer school, the children were able to use some of what they learned around the sacred fire kept by John Winchester. School ended with a wonderful picnic courtesy of Mr. Paul and the summer youth interns. Chi Megwetch to all of the teachers, interns, staff, presenters, and community members whose support made our program a success!



Education Awards Banquet

The Department of Education's annual Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Southwestern Michigan College. Over fifty students were recognized for their outstanding achievements, including eight High School graduates and four College graduates. Sharon Winters gave the invocation and John T. Warren and Rich and Minisno Shingwauk sang an honor song. Department of Education temp staff member and recent college graduate Casey Kasper gave the keynote address. Goffey Wabaunsee catered the event with some very delicious traditional foods. We are extremely proud of our hard working students and wish them the best of luck in this coming school year. If you have any questions about the various programs and opportunities offered by the Department of Education, please feel free to contact us at any time.



Summer Enrichment Program

Young members of the Pokagon community gained a new and exciting program this summer through the Department of Education's Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program. Thanks to the support of the Tribal Council, twenty-two 7th - 12th Grade youth have attended various workshops, camps, seminars, and summer classes. Each student has been able to receive up to \$500 reimbursement to attend the event of their choice. There has been a wide variety of experiences made possible, including camps for music, sports, life enrichment, and even a plane ticket to our own Summer Culture Camp.

Each person has been asked to send in a report about their experience. While not all of the reports are in, yet, an appreciation for the Tribe's support is obvious. Discovering new skills and strengths, new friendships, bonding with team-mates, and building self confidence are among the benefits these students experienced. Nicole Harjer, who attended the Muskegon Career Tech Center, may have discovered a career she'd like to pursue in college - Culinary Arts. She said that the experience of learning to cook "was a lot better than sitting at home and watching T.V.!"



Jayek I Zhetonawa O (All that makes)

The Department of Education is creating a list for all Pokagons who are dancers, supply or food vendors, and for those who know how to make various traditional items such as:

Tanning Hides | Weaving | Beadwork | Basket Making
Shield Making | Stone/Bone Carving | Drum Making
Regalia | Quill Work | Other

This network will be a great way to give back to our community and to come together as one to teach and learn from each other. If you would like to be on our contact list to possibly help teach upcoming and future events or workshops in our community, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is available for the 2008-2009 school year for Native American students in the 10 county service area attending public schools. Now is a good time to find out more information about the tutoring services.

Please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

Tutors Wanted

The Department of Education's K-12 Program is seeking tutors for the upcoming 2008-2009 School year. Tutors would work in the Pokagon Band 10 county service area.

Interested tutors must:

- Be committed to tutor for the entire 2008-2009 school year (2-4 hrs weekly per assigned student for 32 weeks)
- Be willing to submit and able to pass required background checks
- Have graduated from high school (Preference will be given to college graduates and those with some college background)
- Have a strong academic background in Reading/ English, Math or Science
- Be willing to attend any necessary training

If you are interested in more information, please contact Penny Brant, Education Coordinator, at 1-888-330-1234 or by e-mail at penny.brant@pokagon.com

Traditional Healer

Healer Jake Pine will be in our community to provide his gift of healing to our people on the days below. To schedule an appointment, contact Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234. Times are 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with appointments being in half hour increments. On August 30th is 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August 27, 28, 29, 30
September 24, 25, 26

Remember to bring your sema!

AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program

The George Washington University's Semester In Washington ~ Washington's most respected political leadership semester program ~ announces its 2009 AT&T Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP).

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS

In January 2009, a select group of qualified Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students will receive individual scholarships to cover tuition, fees, housing, books and other expenses. As a participant in NAPLP you will have the opportunity to:

Spend a semester in the nation's capital while taking classes at GW

Participate in hands-on internships

Interact with political leaders and policy makers

Receive academic credit for classroom study

Study issues of importance to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities

You will learn key elements of political campaigns and governance such as:

Message development Media production Fundraising

Voter targeting Direct Mail Lobbying

You will return to your campus knowing what it takes to win elections, form coalitions, pass legislation and influence the processes that affect your community.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students who are enrolled members of a Native community or possess proof of ancestry may apply online or by downloading and mailing the application to SIW Admissions, The George Washington University, 1922 F Street, NW, Room 401-A, Washington, DC 20052.

For further information, call (202)994-8908 or, toll-free, 1-800-367-4776 or email us at NAPLP@gwu.edu.

For an on-line application, visit siwpolitics.gwu.edu

For scholarship application form, visit www.gwu.edu/~siw/politics/naplp

In addition to the application form, SIW requires the following:

One letter of recommendation

Official transcripts of all college academic work

A current resume

Scholarship application form

Indication of Tribal Enrollment and/or Native American (American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian) ancestry.

Application DEADLINE for SPRING 2009 is October 15, 2008
siwpolitics.gwu.edu/



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(269) 783-0505 /
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58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

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32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



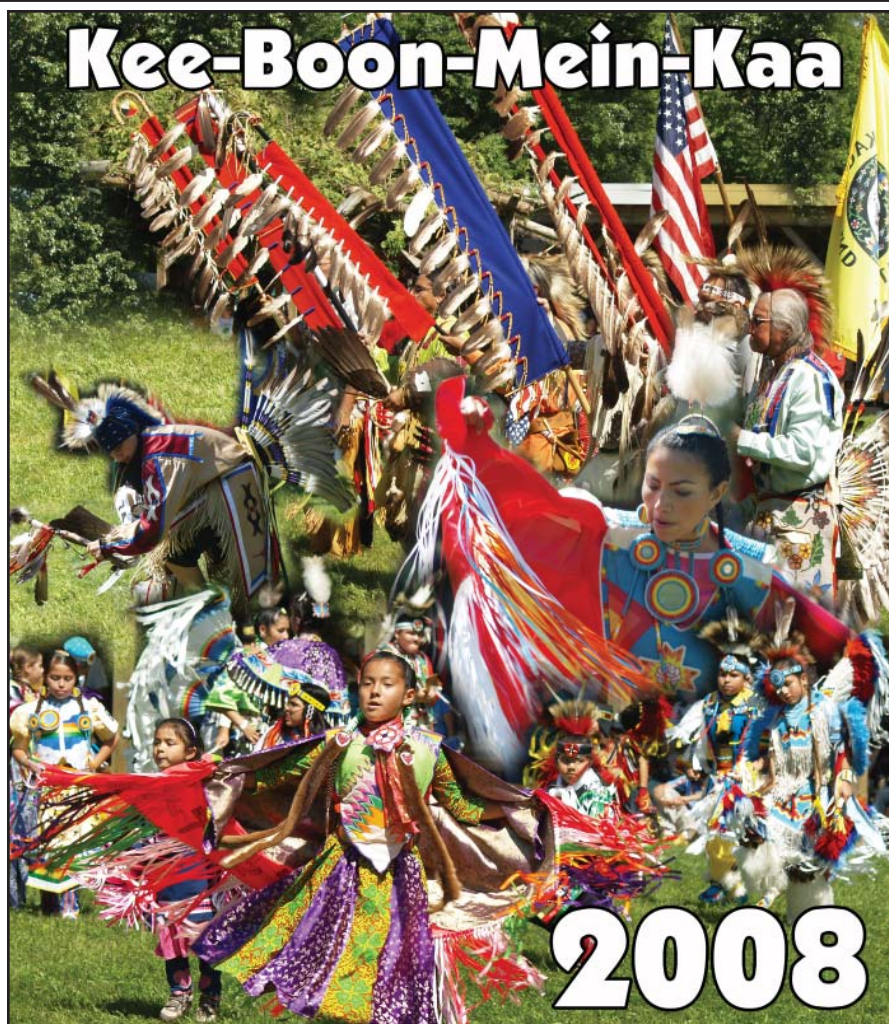
HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

September 2008



Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa:

The Pokagon Community At Our Best

Boozhoo! The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow Committee would like to share a few words with our community in regards to our recent pow-wow held over Labor Day weekend. Official events started Thursday morning with Sam Bush lighting the ishkode, our sacred fire. Friday afternoon a group of Pokagon women, veterans, and community members participated in the tribes first ever Water Walk. This special event started at Gage Street and ended at Rodgers Lake with much community support.

The pow-wow started Saturday afternoon and lasted through Sunday evening. Five drums, more than one hundred dancers, thirty vendors, and a several thousand visitors from the Great Lakes area were in attendance. The committee even received a report that a couple flew in from Norway to witness our pow-wow! Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa also had special guest visitors including Miss Potawatomi Nicole Aquash, Miss Odawa Cheyenne Petoskey, the Notre Dame Native American Alumni Association, Four Winds Casino and Resort staff, and Kiowa painter Mike Larson returned to talk to Pokagon families regarding the casino rotunda murals.

At this time the Pow-Wow Committee would like to say chi-miigwetch to all the volunteers that helped throughout the weekend. Many volunteers donated four or more hours. A handful even donated their entire weekend in helping the committee! Our volunteers are one of the most important elements in the pow-wow being such a huge success!

The Committee would also like to express its appreciation to:

- Tribal Council for its generosity in funding the pow-wow,
- Chairman John Miller for hosting the Friday evening volunteer feast,
- Clarence White for blessing the pow-wow grounds
- Sam Bush for keeping the sacred fire,
- Cleora Morseau, Majel DeMarsh, and Lucinda Graverette-Smith for hosting the first annual Water Walk,
- John Pigeon and his family for facilitating the free Black Ash Basket making workshop Sunday morning,
- Goffy Wabaunsee Wahweotten for cooking an excellent feast,
- Charles Baker for creating the ever popular t-shirt design,
- The Dowagiac High School Chamber Choir for serenading the elders Sunday morning,
- Tribal Maintenance crew for prepping and maintaining our beautiful pow-wow grounds,
- Pokagon Band IHS for providing water and first aid services for pow-wow participants,
- Roger Rader for creating attractive programs, tickets, and flyers for the committee
- Indian Lakes Fire Department for being on-site for emergency services,
- Jeff Ballew, Gary Ballew, John Fox, and Michael Kasper for making a trip up north to collect cedar for the drum arbor
- And to all pow-wow committee members from years past, for coordinating an annual event with an excellent reputation for us to continue.

The Pow-Wow Committee considers it an honor and a privilege to have coordinated the 2008 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow-Wow for our fellow tribal citizens and wider community. We look forward to working with Pokagon Band citizens in our next event. With all our energies combined, we truly create an event the entire community can be proud of!

Baamaapii Kawabmin!



Photography courtesy of Jim Wheatley



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or
impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com
and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for
membership submissions for the
Novemember newsletter will be
October 14. Send articles and

announcements to:

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Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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| Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| Each Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



October 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, Lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onions served with sandwiches. | | 1 Ham & Bean Soup Brussel Sprouts Fruit Cocktail Corn Bread | 2 <u>Business Lunch</u> Spaghetti w/Turkey Sauce Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit Garlic Bread | 3 Pizza or Stuffed Cabbage Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit |
| 6 Beef Hamburgers Macaroni or Potato Salad Broccoli Peaches | 7 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Tropical Fruit Salad / Bread | 8 Shredded Turkey W/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn/Fruit and Yogurt Cups Dinner rolls | 9 Buffalo Meatballs Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Squash/Veggie Tray Pears/Dinner rolls | 10 Chili Dogs Baked Beans Cauliflower and Broccoli Salad Blueberry Crisp |
| 13 Biscuits & Gravy Scrambled Eggs Melon/Plums Cranberry Apple Juice | 14 Sloppy Joes Potato Wedges Corn Jell-o/Fruit Cocktail | 15 Pork Chops Baked Potatoes Asparagus/Applesauce Dinner rolls/Tomato Salad | 16 <u>Social Lunch</u> Baked Chicken in Mushroom Soup w/Rice Broccoli Fresh Fruit / Dinner Roll | 17 Fish Cheese Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit Salad Corn Bread |
| 20 Broccoli Soup Ham Sandwiches Lettuce Salad Melon Fruit Mix | 21 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Cheese, Hard & Soft Shells. Peaches / Dinner Rolls | 22 Pork Roast Red Potatoes Carrots/Tossed Salad Apple Crisp/ Rolls | 23 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Brussels Sprouts Berry Mix/ Rolls | 24 Chicken Wings Pasta Salad Baked Beans Pears / Dinner Rolls |
| 27 Salmon Loaf Potato Wedges Mixed Green Salad Strawberries/ Rolls | 28 Boiled Dinner (Saus,potatoes, beans, corn, and onions) Applesauce/Coleslaw Dinner Roll/Peanut Butter Cookie | 29 Homemade Lasagna Tossed Salad/Asparagus Peaches Garlic Bread | 30 Beef Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Tossed Salad/Roll Fortune Cookie/Pineapple | 31 <u>Halloween</u> Roast Turkey Breast Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Corn on the Cob/Rolls Peach Crisp |



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Pokagon Band's Annual Men's Health Fair

Target Audience: Men enrolled in federally-recognized tribes
When: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Time: 3 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. *
Where: Pokagon Health Services Department
57392 M-51 South
Dowagiac, MI 49047

*Earlier fasting labs by appointment

We will offer the same labs and exams as last year along with fun activities and great prizes!

We look forward to seeing you!!

Diabetes Basics Class

The Holidays are fast approaching and this is your opportunity to learn how to keep your blood sugar in great control when our celebrations include an abundance of food delights!

Diabetes Basics Class: Can I really have dessert?

Meetings to be held on Wednesdays, beginning October 29th and continuing on November 5, 12, and 19 at 12:45pm and will be held at the Elder's Hall.

Weight watchers are welcome to join us also. Call Susan, dietitian, for more details at 782-4141.



The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

| Enroll ID | FirstName | Middle | Last |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 0049 | Michael | Anthony | Sisk |
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk |
| 0054 | Frank | Lee | Gallegos Jr |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty II |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw |
| 0520 | James | Ryan | Hamstra |
| 0668 | Joseph | Scott | Winchester II |
| 0705 | Matthew | Thomas | Morris |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw |
| 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 2014 | Jenny | Ruth | Collins |
| 2050 | Terina | Da | Meier |
| 2183 | Coy | George | Davison IV |
| 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 3166 | Tiffany | Melissa | Moor |
| 3266 | Bradley | Joseph | Ramirez |
| 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

Direct Deposit Per Capita Checks

The following tribal members need to have address updates with the Enrollment Office. Please contact Judy Augusta at 888-782-1001. Your mail is being returned. The Finance Office will need an updated address for you in regards to 1099's at year end.

Kevin Lindsey Brown
Bennie Cowgill III
Cindy Gonzalez
Steffan Gonzalez
Elena Dewey
Cindy Hill
Jennifer Laura
William Morris
Anthony W Ridenour
Alexis Rodriguez
Ervin Allan Starrett Jr.
Philip Sturgeon Jr.

Returned Per Capita Checks by Post Office

The following tribal members have checks waiting for address updates so that they can mailed back out to you. Please contact Judy Augusta the Enrollment Coordinator at 888-782-1001 or 269-782-1763. Once you have submitted your update the Finance Department will mail out your check.

Lewis Henry Ashby
Jesse David Ballew
Eric Randall Blevins
Katherine A Carlton
Shawn Isaac Genereaux
Jeffrey David Marunycz
Gregory Louis Matulaitis
Tiffany Melissa Moor
Matthew Thomas Morris
Brandon Lee Peters
Sarah Elizabeth Pillow
Michele Louise Reynolds
Bradley Joseph Ramirez
William Jefferson Rose II
Joseph Scott Winchester Jr
Nicole Marlene Wood
Andrew Clarence Trusler (2)



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221

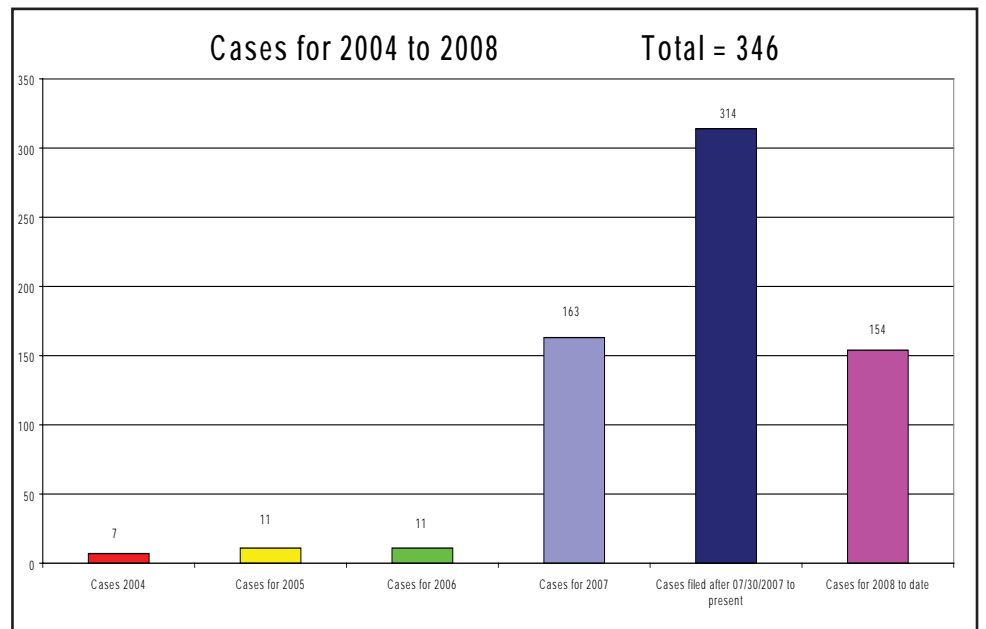


Case Activity of the Tribal Court

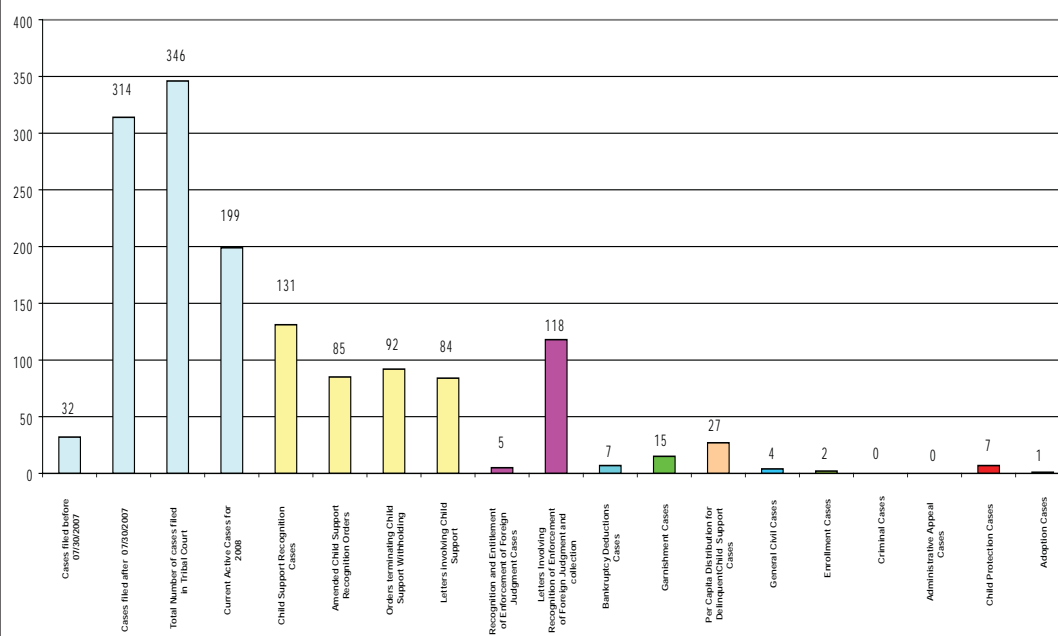
The Tribal Court began taking cases in November of 2004. Cases continue to be transferred or filed in Tribal Court. In the past, many of the cases involved child protection matters were transferred from state courts to Tribal Court under the Indian Child Welfare Act. Eight (8) new child protection cases were transferred to the Tribal Court in 2007 and 2008. Other matters such as recognition of foreign court judgments, child support recognition matters, garnishments, and general civil matters were filed with the Tribal Court. However, with the expanding economic development of the Pokagon Band and the opening of the Casino, cases filed in Tribal Court have greatly increased. A total of one hundred sixty three cases (163) cases were filed in 2007. One hundred fifty four (154) cases have already been filed in 2008. The cases consist of foreign court judgment recognition, child support enforcement, garnishment, Chapter 13 Bankruptcy wage deduction, delinquent child support per capita collection, criminal, general civil and administrative appeals. The greatest areas of increase for the Court have been in child support enforcement, foreign court judgment recognition and garnishments. Tribal law mandates that foreign judgments and orders must be recognized by the Tribal Court as valid before en-

forcement may occur. The Tribal Judiciary developed a chapter of court rules and an administrative order to enact the processes needed for recognition of foreign judgments and orders. Both can be found at the Pokagon Band's public website at the Tribal Court link.

To give you a better idea of the increase in cases, the chart below shows the number of cases filed since the inception of the Court.



Open and On-Going Cases as of September 9, 2008

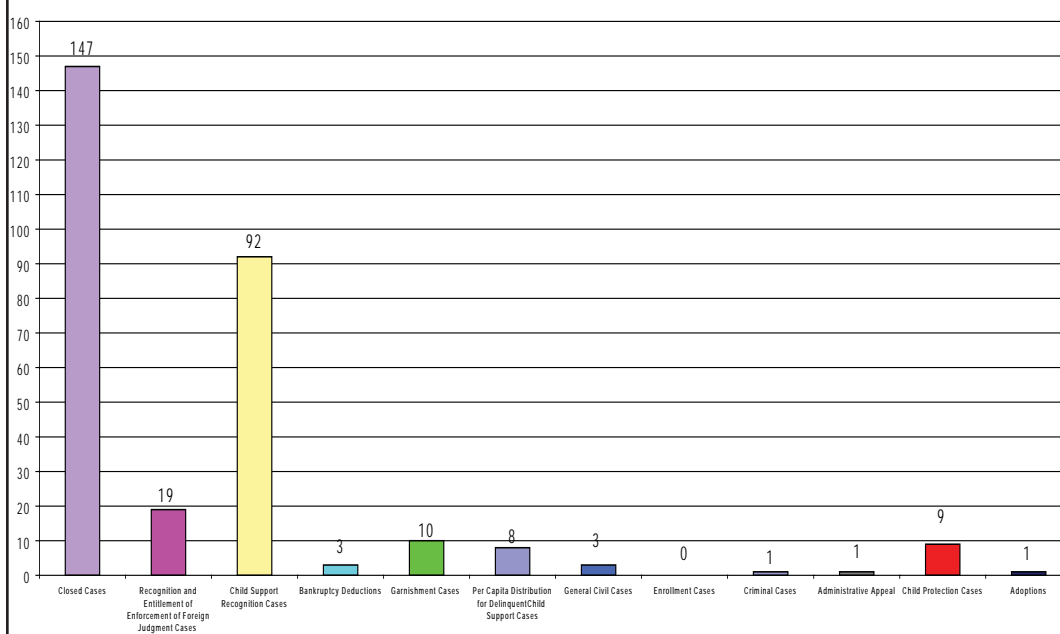


While some types of cases have been filed over the years, the Court is seeing a far wider range of the kinds of foreign judgments seeking recognition, as well as from where those judgments and orders are coming from. When the Court first started receiving cases in 2004, most came from Michigan. Now with the casino, many are coming from Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Child support orders are coming from many states throughout the United States. Also, the Court is receiving new matters that it had not encountered in the past such as criminal, certain civil actions and administrative appeals.

The Court is adapting to the many different types of actions the Court has received. The next chart shows the type of current open cases in Tribal Court. The Chart also shows the number of letters sent to child support agencies, attorneys and private individuals seeking recognition of foreign judgments and orders. Letters are sent when agencies, attorneys and individuals are not correctly following the processes of the Pokagon Band and the Court needs to contact them to explain the processes. The figures do not show the time contacting the various individuals involved in each case and the amount of time the Court has committed to revising its forms and letters to adapt to a larger number of cases and toward a wider area of people and governmental entities seeking access to the Tribal Court.

Finally, below is a chart of closed cases closed in the Tribal Court.

Closed Tribal Court Cases 2004-2008



Cases can remain ongoing until such time that the Court receives information to terminate an order entered by the Tribal Court. For example, a child support recognition case could be opened in 2007 and remain open until such time that a person is no longer employed with the Band or Casino. During this time there may be activity involving the case in which the order has to be amended by the Tribal Court. Further, child protection cases can remain open for many months based on the Pokagon Band Child Protection Code and facts of the case.



From the Desk of:

Anita Grivins - Pokagon Band Finance Director

Greeting from the Finance Office! My name is Anita Grivins and I am the new Director of Finance. I have been on the job since August 18th and as you can imagine, my head is still spinning, but I am starting to get my bearings.

In my previous job, I worked at Plante & Moran in Kalamazoo as a CPA, performing external audits, consulting and various other projects for healthcare organizations. All my work was with not-for-profit or government organized organizations. I graduated from Western Michigan University and started straight after graduation at P&M. My experiences at P&M lasted over 16 years and built the foundation for me to spread my wings and try something different. Now I will be the one receiving the audit reports instead of delivering them to my clients.

My family currently resides in Climax, which makes for a scenic commute to Dowagiac. My husband of 15 years works for Eaton in their sales department, and my two sons; Markus 10 and Lukas 7, attend Climax-Scotts schools and are very involved in both soccer and football. We are also a bi-lingual family, in that we are raising our boys to speak Latvian. Both my husband and I are first generation Latvians born here in the U.S, our parents coming over as displaced persons during World War II. We met in Three Rivers at our Latvian Camp Garezers, which is located on Long Lake. We were high-school sweethearts. The camp offers summer programs for kids from 2 years old to high school seniors, who complete 6 weeks of summer school in a total emersion setting. The camp has been in existence for over 40 years.

In Kalamazoo, my boys attend Latvian school on Sundays, where I teach the 1st and 2nd graders. Our Latvian community in Kalamazoo is reasonably strong, in that we have a Lutheran church, community center, and school. The school operates from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade, and we have about 30 kids who come from as far as Grand Rapids to attend.

As I become more familiar with your community, I see the similarities in maintaining culture, respect for elders, language, and tradition. I truly believe it was divine intervention that has lead me here and I promise to do my best to live by your mission, manage the finances with the highest ethical regards, and assist in the vision for what lies ahead for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Sincerely, Anita.



HOUSING

Is there a Manufactured or Modular home in your future?
Are you considering the purchase of a manufactured or modular home? It's a major decision - we're here to provide support and advice. So...before you enter into a contract, contact the Department of Housing at (269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385. We're here for you!

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
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Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
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Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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HEADSTART NEWS

The first day of school was Tuesday September 2, 2008! The first day of school was a big success for everyone. The children really enjoyed meeting new friends (other children and the adults) and exploring the school.

The new school bus was delivered just in time for the second week of school!

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture and incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony.

Upcoming Events/Closures

*School will be closed on Monday September 22, 2008 in observance of Pokagon Sovereignty Day.

*School will be closed on Tuesday November 11, 2008 in observance of Veterans' Day.

*School will be closed on Thursday November 27, 2008 for Thanksgiving Day.

*The Head Start office will be closed on Friday November 28, 2008 for the day after Thanksgiving.

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2008 to be eligible for the current school year. We are currently full for the funded thirty-three slots. However, we always accept applications for the waiting list. Please contact the office to have a pre-application mailed to you. You will need to return proof of all household income with the pre-application. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026, with any questions about enrollment for the upcoming year.

Volunteers

This is a great time to sign up as a volunteer for the school year. Ways to volunteer are: spending time at the center, storytelling, craft activities, chaperoning field trips, riding on the bus, helping with the language & culture, being a Community Policy Council Representative and many other ways. If you are interested, please call to discuss your ideas and availability.

Family Fun Night

The October Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday October 30, 2008 from 6:00-8:00. We will be carving pumpkins, having a Halloween Party and other activities. The November Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday November 20, 2008. We will be having our "Annual Fall Feast" for the children and families. The families will have an opportunity to take part in some Native American crafts with the children.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids' chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the winter months; hats, gloves, boots, snow pants and coats are always accepted. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

Happy Birthday to You!

October Birthdays:

*Jacob West Jr. 10/12—Happy 4th Birthday!

*Joshua Winchester-Jones 10/20 —Happy 3rd Birthday!

November Birthdays:

*Adam Lozano 11/10—Happy 4th Birthday!

*Miss Pam Keller 11/14—Happy Birthday

*Dale Personette 11/12—Happy 5th Birthday!

*Miss Tia Councilman 11/18—Happy Birthday!

*Emily Ketchum 11/20—Happy 5th Birthday!

*Ethan Ketchum 11/20—Happy 5th Birthday!

*Mrs. Sarah Hyatt 11/26—Happy Birthday!

School & Bus Closings

1. If Dowagiac Schools are closed, Pokagon Band Head Start is closed.
2. If Dowagiac Public Schools have a 2-hour delay, then the Pokagon Band Head Start will have a 2-hour delay. This means school will begin at 10:30 rather than 8:30. For transportation purposes, please plan for your child to be picked up 2 hours after their normal bus time.
3. If Cassopolis schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
4. If Hartford schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
5. You may watch Channel 16 (NBC) out of South Bend, Channel 22 (WSBT) out of South Bend, Channel 28 (WSJV) out of South Bend and Channel 3 (WWMT) out of Kalamazoo to view the listings.
**We will try to have the postings on these news stations by 6:30 a.m. However, whatever closing/delay that Dowagiac lists, Pokagon Head Start will follow.
6. If Dowagiac Public Schools cancel classes early, then Pokagon Band Head Start will cancel classes early. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the early closure and to confirm that children shall be transported to their normal destinations.

**Please note...it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the day care providers of early closures, so they can allow for proper adult to child ratios, not the center.

**It is always the discretions of the bus drivers and bus monitors to determine if the road conditions are safe. If the drivers begin the routes and they feel they will be transporting in unsafe conditions, they may call off the bus route for the day. If this happens, they will call the center and staff will begin to notify families immediately according to the bus schedule. In this instance, it would be a self-transport day.



Mikchewi Gemek (Workshop)

Rodgers' Lake Teaching Cabin
October 25th & November 1st
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

This workshop involves making fleece jackets, presenting the great fleece jacket maker, Julie Farver. This would be a great teaching for our community to learn. This is one way to keep our family warm through the cold winter's wind. Starting on October 25th and continuing on November 1st. Due to our limit of sewing machines, those that do attend please bring a sewing machine. If interested, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234 before October 17th.

MIIGWETCH!

School Supplies Reimbursement Program

All tribal youth, attending school from Pre-K-12th grades are eligible for a yearly \$50 reimbursement for school related items and other supplies for extracurricular activities.

Please contact the Department of Education for More details.

Department of Education Staffing at the Mishawaka Office

October 1st K-12

Programs/ Please call the Department of Education before the 1st to arrange for backpack pick-up/ Set-up tutoring requests

October 8th

Higher Ed/WIA Pick-up scholarship forms and WIA info

October 15th

Cultural/ Call about a mini-workshop

October 22nd

Language/ Pick-up language resources

October 29th Higher Ed/ WIA

Pick-up scholarship forms and WIA info

Please visit us at the Mishawaka Office on Wednesdays While we encourage appointments, walk-in visits are always welcomed!

Need Educational assistance at the Mishawaka office but not on a Wednesday? Please call the Department of Education to arrange a meeting time on another day.

Learning the Language

Wénije/Who 2

Family terms Part 2

Nishote

Noshe

Nshegwas

Njishe

Ndekweyom

Ndennim

Nmezodanek

Nmesé

Ndekwém

Nidgek

Ndewema

Nseze

Twin

Aunt (maternal)

Aunt (paternal)

My uncle

My wife

My husband (lit. My stallion)

Parents

My older sister

Sister of a male

Sister of a woman (any age)

My older brother of a female

My older brother of a male

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on Oct 2nd, 16th and 30th.

South Bend office classes are on Oct 9th and 23rd from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.

Coming up in November for the Department of Education section of the newsletter:

Focus on:

The Tribal Library

The Indian Education Parent Committee

The Native Nations Youth Council

T-Shirt Logo Contest

Student of the Month (it returns for a new year)

Don't forget to check the Education section of www.pokagon.com for programming updates!



Backpacks – Duffle Bags – Messenger Bags – All Stuffed!!!

What a fantastic response to the JOM registration and School Supply distribution! We had two days dedicated to the Mishawaka-area members at that office, followed by three intense days surrounding the Labor Day weekend Pow Wow. During the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa PowWow, according to one estimate, we had one pack leave the building every two minutes throughout the seven hour spree on Saturday. Department of Education Staff and several Indian Education Parent Committee members - Conrad Church, Rachel West, and Paula Hill with a friend - helped with the selections during the weekend. This year's supplies line the bookshelves in the Department of Education's Library. The number of items that have gone into the bags is determined by the grade of the child, so children and parents shop and choose. Included in the supplies are wonderful three ring binders and great spiral-bound notebooks containing index cards and an array of pockets. Both of these items were donated by Mead Corporation to the Tribe for this give-away.

The sturdy bags, themselves, are a bright red with the Pokagon Band insignia silk screened on the front. We offer Back Packs, Duffle Bags, and Messenger Bags.

Distribution of the bags and supplies will continue until November 26, 2008. For more information, please call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) For Indiana members, please call the department with your choices. We will bring them to the Mishawaka office for pickup.

Tutoring

We are currently establishing our fall tutoring schedule. You still have time to request help for your child, K-12th grades. We are also open to "temporary tutoring" when students need help getting ready for a test or assistance with a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant or e-mail works, too: penny.brant@pokagon.com.

Enrichment Labs

The Enrichment Labs will be in full swing starting Monday, October 6! Dowagiac's Lab begins the week on Monday from 3:15 – 5:15. We will pick up Dowagiac students at their schools, drive them to the Rodgers Lake property for the Lab, and deliver them to their homes. On

Wednesday, we will meet with Hartford students at in the library at Red Arrow Elementary from 4:15 – 5:15 and make sure they meet with their rides home.

This is a chance for us to help with homework, work on good study habits, reinforce cultural understanding, and just spend time together. Please call the Department of Education and ask for Penny Brant to register your students.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet may be in the spring, but the work toward it starts on the first day of school. The Banquet is more than a fun evening with a nice feast and certificates – it is about acknowledging the growth and strength of our students. It is an opportunity to reinforce that what they do, does matter and does get noticed. The students are honored in these categories: High School Graduation, College Graduation, GED Recipients, Outstanding Attendance (absent five days or less during the year), Perfect Attendance, Excellent Academic Performance (all A's for the entire school year), Improvement in Core Areas, Honor Roll, and Sports / Extra Curricular Activities. Our students have a lot to be proud of, and working well in school supports that pride. If we can help anyone in reaching one of the goals honored in the Awards Banquet, please contact us. We are looking forward to highlighting many accomplishments in the spring!!

Honor Roll Call!

Being on an Honor Roll is certainly a cause for celebration! If you are or have a student who is named on an Honor Roll for the 2008-2009 school year, please contact the Department of Education office (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) and ask for Penny. We will be printing the list of "our" Honor Roll students periodically throughout the year.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6PM
Attention High School Juniors and Seniors!
Attention Community College Students!
(AND parents!)

The 31st Annual St. Joseph County College Fair, with representatives from over 80-100 universities, colleges and technical schools, will take place at the Century Center in South Bend. This is a great opportunity to visit with numerous schools all in one setting. Collect general information, talk about financial aid, talk about different programs all in ONE NIGHT!

If you are interested in attending the event, please contact Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist at 269-782-0887 to make arrangements! We will be carpooling from the Education Department located on Sink Road in Dowagiac.

Departure time is 5 PM SHARP.
(Please eat prior to attending as there will not be enough time to stop for dinner.) Estimated return time is 9 PM.

WIA Services

Are you interested in creating or updating your resume?

A Resume Workshop is scheduled at the Pokagon Band Offices:

- Dowagiac Education Office on October 4th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Friday, September 26th
- Mishawaka Office on November 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Friday, October 24th

Space is limited at these locations.

Are you Native American tribal cardholder living in our 10-county service area, 18 years old or older and low-income, who needs extra assistance with tuition and/or mileage for classroom training at a college or university, or to complete your GED?

Are you a Pokagon Band member who wants to continue your education by completing your GED?

Do you want to gain work experience in an IT, office, or educational setting? Available positions are limited. Positions available for maximum of 20 weeks.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Native American living in the 10-county service area/
- Must meet income guidelines, be unemployed and not in workforce.
- Must be interested in furthering your education and job experiences in same area
- as open position available.
- First come, first serve-basis (after having met requirements)

If you are interested, please contact Traci Henslee at: Ph.#269-782-0887 Toll-free#1-888-330-1234



"Dan King, Penny Brant, Laurel Bieschke, and Becky Accoe are looking forward to a busy year with great children in the Pokagon Band Department of Education's K-12 Program."

New Faces Going Great Places in the K-12 Program!

We have a great group of people working together in the K-12 Program this year! This summer brought several exciting changes to the staff and its lively program. Here is a bit about each of the four in the K-12 Program:

Becky Accoe began working as an Education Associate for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians at the end of August. She enjoyed meeting students and parents while passing out backpacks during the Pow-Wow. Becky is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University with a Bachelor in Elementary Education and a minor in science, mathematics and integrative creative arts. She plans to further her education by gaining a Masters degree from Spring Arbor University. In her free time, Becky enjoys reading, riding her horse Sandy, camping, helping out on the family farm in Dowagiac and playing her Wii. Becky is looking forward to a future of educational fun within the Potawatomi culture.

Please welcome Laurel Bieschke, Education Associate, who began working in the Department of Education at the end of May. Laurel is from South Bend, IN and feels honored to drive the scenic route to Dowagiac every morning to serve the Pokagon community. She

earned her B.A. in English-Creative Writing from Indiana University, where she also minored in Cultural Anthropology and International Studies. She decided to delay graduate school for a few years in order to pursue her writing and find a creative and meaningful job. Eventually she would like to earn an M.A. in Activist Anthropology at the University of Texas-Austin but is making herself learn Spanish first! Laurel is looking forward to learning from the community as much as she is to teaching, so please don't hesitate to give her a call. Penny Brant excitedly accepted the position of Education Coordinator in June. She started working with the Department in June of 2007 as Education Associate after Substitute Teaching and working with her husband in Bridgman in their photography studio. Penny's Bachelor of Arts is from Grand Valley State. Life interests include music, beadwork, sewing, and reading. Time spent with her husband, Dan, and their children and grandchildren outranks even the best of chocolates! She is delighted and honored to have this career, to work with the children, families, and Department of Education staff – and looks forward to great adventures!

Monday, August 25th, Dr. "Dan" King, Education Associate, checked in as a new member of the K-12 Program in the Department of Education. Dan currently lives in Coloma, Michigan with his wife, Carole. They moved here last summer from Southeastern Virginia where Dan retired in 2000, from the US Coast Guard, after 40 years of service. Dan enjoyed retirement for 8 years when he read about the job opportunity for Education Associates. He attended Central Missouri State University where he earned his BSED (1975) and MSED (1976) in Industrial Arts Education. Dan taught Drafting, Metal shop, Woodshop and Electronics in public schools in Maryland and Texas then moved to South Dakota in 1977 where he taught Drafting and Woodshop at the Flandreau Indian School, an off reservation boarding high school. In 1982 moving to Virginia he became an Education, Training and Computer Specialist. He earned his Doctorate in Education from NOVA Southeast University in 1993 and retired at age 60 in 2000. Dan said "The opportunity to return to the workforce in this environment is really an honor."

Summer Enrichment

Tribal Council supported a wonderful program this year on behalf of our 7th through 12th grade members, the Summer Enrichment Program. Members were invited to apply for a scholarship to cover tuition and possibly transportation - not to exceed \$500 - for a summer program, camp or workshop. Twenty-two Pokagon Band children had experiences this summer that will be enriching the rest of their lives. What they have reported back through a feedback questionnaire is too important and rewarding to keep quietly in my files. Chi Migwetch to all who participated – Tribal Council, Department of Education, families and the students! Enjoy!

Featured this month is Michael Gamache. He is a Ninth Grader at Marcellus High School. His mom is Patricia Gamache.

Where was your experience, what camp or workshop?

I attended an advanced skateboard camp at the Sherman Lake Camp, YMCA, in Augusta, Michigan.

Did your experience meet your expectations?

Yes, the experience met my expectations. I felt very happy to be able to go and grateful for the opportunity my tribe afforded me.

What was the most enjoyable part?

The most enjoyable part was that we got to skateboard pretty much all

day with some counselors who really knew their stuff when it comes to skateboarding. We also did a lot of swimming and were able to be outdoors all day, every day.

What was the most difficult part?

The most difficult part was letting go of my fears and trying new things.

Would you repeat this event again? Why or why not?

Yes, I would repeat this event again if I could because I learned a lot and like to keep learning and also liked meeting new friends.

What about this experience will be your strongest memory?

My strongest memory will definitely be the new friends that I have made.

How might this Summer Enrichment experience help with your future?

This experience will help with my future by knowing that it is okay to be with new people and you have to put aside your fears and try new things.

Would you suggest this for other Pokagon children?

I would suggest it for other Pokagon children because what a great way to spend a week in the summer, outside and getting exercise and making new friends.

Any other comments?

Thanks again to the tribe for this awesome opportunity. It helped my summer go by fast.



2008 Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Dance Contest Winners

Girls Traditional Ages 5 – 11

1st Mary Bush - MBPI - Michigan

Girls Jingle Ages 5 – 11

1st Maya Skyler - Oneida/Odawa - Michigan

2nd Ahamekwan Wemigwase - LTBB - Michigan

3rd Sienna Goodrich - Wikki/Ojibwa - Michigan

Girls Fancy Ages 5 – 11

1st Miigwaans Smith - LCO - Wisconsin

2nd Alexa Oldman - N. Arapho/Odawa - Michigan

3rd Cicilee Shinner - GTB - Michigan

Boys Traditional Ages 5 – 11

1st Alonzo Oldman - N. Arapho/Odawa - Michigan

Boys Grass Ages 5 – 11

1st CJ Lasley - Ojibwa/Oneida/Ho-Chunk - Michigan

2nd Chayton Hedgepeth - Oneida/Cherokee - Ontario

3rd Chinodin Atkinson - Ojibwa - Indiana

Boys Fancy Ages 5 – 11

1st Calvin Ballew - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

2nd Caden Dreaver - Cree/Oneida/Odawa - Michigan

3rd Cauy George - Chippewa/Oneida - Michigan

Teen Girls Traditional Ages 12-17

1st Cecilia Hill - Navajo/Ojibwa - Illinois

2nd Skylar Ballew - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

3rd Lilianna Hill - Navajo/Ojibwa - Illinois

Teen Girls Jingle Ages 12-17

1st Cheyenne Petoskey - Ottawa/Chippewa - Michigan

2nd Sarah Ballew - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

3rd Shay Skyler - Oneida/LTBB Odawa - Michigan

Teen Girls Fancy Ages 12-17

1st Maria Webster - Menominee/Oneida - Wisconsin

2nd Cassandra Gibson - LTBB - Michigan

3rd Kiana Kishigo-Wood - LTBB - Michigan

Teen Boys Traditional Ages 12-17

1st Brandon Fones - Menominee - Wisconsin

2nd Kino Pyawasit - Menominee - Wisconsin

3rd Angus Bush - MBPI - Michigan

Teen Boys Fancy Ages 12 -17

1st Anthony Klein - Ojibwa/Oneida/Ho-Chunk - Michigan

2nd Elmer Denny - Menominee - Wisconsin

3rd Arlan George - Chippewa/Oneida - Michigan

Teen Boys Grass Ages 12-17

1st Zachary Platero - Navajo - Michigan

2nd Stanley Morseau III - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

3rd Jake Laraway - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

Golden Age Women

1st Debbie Klein - Oneida - Michigan

2nd Debbie Plain - Anishnaabe - Ontario

3rd Clovia Malatare - Ogalala Lakota - Indiana

Golden Age Men

1st Joe Plain - Anishnaabe - Ontario

2nd James Gibson - Litter River - Michigan

3rd Clarence White - Pokagon Potawatomi - Indiana

Women's Traditional Ages 18 – 49

1st Elizabeth Ballew - Saginaw Chippewa - Michigan

2nd Angel Starr - Omaha/Odawa/Arikara - Illinois

3rd Catherine Gibson - LTBB - Michigan

Women's Jingle Ages 18 – 49

1st Josee Starr - Odawa/Omaha/Arikara - Indiana

2nd Alexarae Funmaker - Anishnaabe - Michigan

3rd Kelly Jo Funmaker - Ho-Chunk - Illinois

Women's Fancy Ages 18 – 49

1st Heather Skylar - Oneida/Odawa - Michigan

2nd Netawn Smith - LTBB Odawa - Wisconsin

3rd Barbara Whitehead O'Rourke - Winnebago/Sioux - Illinois

Men's Traditional Ages 18 – 49

1st Greg Morsaw - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

2nd Jefferson Ballew IV - Pokagon Potawatomi - Michigan

3rd Bernard Webster - Menominee/Oneida - Wisconsin

Men's Grass Ages 18 -49

1st Armando Lucio - Apache - Indiana

2nd Josh Thompson - Mohican Stockbridge - Indiana

3rd Calvin Hill - Navajo - Illinois

Men's Fancy Ages 18 – 49

1st James Chupco - Menominee/Seminole/Creek Michigan







NATIVE VOTE

I want to apologize for the delay in articles. It seems there was some misunderstanding about whether this is a political article or an article about politics. Clearly this is about politics and hopefully the information will provide you with 1) encouragement to register to vote, if you haven't, 2) encouragement to vote for the candidates of your choice, and 3) to provide you with links to information that will make you a more informed voter. I WILL SAY ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS NOT AN ARTICLE TO CONVINCE YOU TO VOTE FOR PARTICULAR CANDIDATES OR PARTY, BUT ONLY TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED.

I'm sure everyone knows the party conventions are over and the candidates for all of the elective offices have been nominated. We are now in the season of serious campaigning which may make it difficult to find the truth.

You have until October 6, 2008 to register to vote. You can vote on-line by going to: www.michigan.gov There you will find the following information which I have reprinted for your convenience.

How do I register to vote in Michigan?

To register to vote you must be ...

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 18 years of age by election day;
- a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

Where. You can register to vote for federal, state, and local elections by mail; at your county, city, or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office.

In addition, the following State agencies offer voter registration services to their clients: Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Career Development. Military recruitment centers also provide voter registration services.

When. You must register at least 30 days before the election. This gives the clerk time to process the forms and send you a Voter Identification Card. You must also re-register to vote whenever you move to a new city or township.

How. If you move within a city or township, you must update your address. This can be handled through your local clerk, at a Secretary of State branch office, by mail or at any other location where voter registrations are accepted. Michigan voters must use the same residential address for voter registration and driver's license purposes. Consequently, if you submit a driver's license address change, it will be applied to your voter registration. Similarly, if you submit a voter registration address change, it will be applied to your driver's license.

First-time voter. If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you must appear in person to vote in the first election in which you wish to participate. This requirement does not apply if (1) you personally hand deliver the mail registration form to your county, city or township clerk's office instead of mailing the form (2) you are 60 years of age or more (3) you are disabled or (4) you are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you may also be subject to a new identification requirement provided under federal law. The identification requirement is explained on the mail-in registration form.

Moving: Whenever you move to a new city or township, you must re-register to vote. If you move within a city or township, you must update your address. This can be handled through your local clerk, at a Secretary of State branch office, or by mail. Michigan voters must use the same residential address for voter registration and driver's license purposes. Consequently, if you submit a driver's license address change, it will be applied to your voter registration. Similarly, if you submit a voter registra-

tion address change, it will be applied to your driver's license.

Mail-in Forms. A mail-in voter registration form (PDF file) can be obtained here. Mail the completed form to the address indicated on the form. If you register by mail, you must vote in person at your assigned precinct the first time you vote, unless you are:

- disabled as defined by state law
- 60 years of age or older
- temporarily residing overseas.

If you are temporarily outside the U.S., you may use a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form to register. The FPCA forms are distributed through U.S. embassies and military bases. A Michigan resident who moves and registers out of state may not re-register to vote in Michigan until he or she reestablishes residency here.

You may also register at the same time you renew your driver's license by mail. Eligible drivers receive a voter registration application in the mail with their driver's license renewal information.

Locate your clerk.

Outside the U.S. If you are temporarily outside the U.S., you may use a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form to register. The FPCA forms are distributed through U.S. embassies and military bases. A Michigan resident who moves and registers out of state may not re-register to vote in Michigan until he or she reestablishes residency here.

You may also register at the same time you renew your driver's license by mail. Eligible drivers receive a voter registration application in the mail with their driver's license renewal information.

Additional information and assistance can be obtained through the Federal Voting Assistance Program and the Overseas Vote Foundation

Accessibility Voting

Federal and state law requires every city and township to provide accessible registration and voting locations for voters who are disabled.

If you require voting assistance, ask the election workers for help; a reason for the needed assistance does not have to be stated. Two inspectors will assist you in the voting station. An elector who is blind, disabled, or unable to read or write may be assisted with his or her ballot by any person of the voter's choice, except the following: the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or an officer or agent of a union to which the voter belongs.

For more information, contact your city or township clerk. Hearing-impaired residents may contact the Bureau of Elections at (517) 241-4320 (TTY).

Absentee Ballots

Absentee voter ballots are available for all elections. They provide voters with a convenient method for casting a ballot when they are unable to attend the polls on Election Day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are:

- age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 years of age or older. (Voting in person on one governmental level clears the restriction on the other levels. For example, if a voter subject to the restriction votes in person at a school election, the voter would be free to obtain an absentee ballot for the first state election in which he or she wishes to participate.)



Requesting an Absentee Voter Ballot

- Download your absent voter ballot request.
- Send your absentee ballot request form to your local clerk.
- Solicitud para obtener Papeletas para Votar en Ausencia (Absent Voter Ballot Application)

Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see www.Michigan.gov/vote) Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absentee voter ballot by mailing the online application, with a letter or post card, or you can obtain a pre-printed application form at your local clerk's office. Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a registered voter to receive an absentee ballot. Requests for absentee voter ballots are processed immediately. Absentee voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absentee voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the

ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on Election Day, you may request an emergency absentee voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absentee voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred at a time that made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absentee voter ballot. Your local clerk will have more information about emergency absentee voter ballots.

Voting is one of the most cherished and fundamental rights in our country. If you are eligible to obtain an absentee voter ballot and cannot attend the polls on Election Day, use of the absentee voter ballot is strongly encouraged.

You will find additional information on-line if you have other questions. As you can see, you can register, request an absentee ballot, and vote without ever leaving home.

In addition, I am including several links that will allow you to review the candidate's position on issue of interest to you. If you don't subscribe to a newspaper and have access to a computer you review the party and the candidate's platform and follow their campaign.

<http://reznetnews.org/article/wyoming-caucus/indian-vote%3A-when-candidates-come-calling>
<http://www.reznetnews.org/article/obama/natives-hail-role-shaping-issues-democratic-convention>
<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080914/NEWS15/809140407>
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rebecca-ford/mccain-courts-the-indian_b_102568.html
http://nativevote.org/documents/PlatformFINAL_WithCover.pdf
[http://nativevote.org/documents/2008%20Democratic%20Platform%20\(final\).pdf](http://nativevote.org/documents/2008%20Democratic%20Platform%20(final).pdf)
<http://www.democrats.org/>
<http://www.gop.org/>
<http://nativevote.org/>

This site can provide a window for a significant amount of election information.
<http://www.ncai.org/>

There are other numerous internet sites to visit to find more information about your party and candidate of choice. I would encourage you to fully investigate and then make an informed vote either by absentee ballot or on November 4, 2008.

The following link is to an article that speaks to the obstacles that Native Americans are overcoming as our voting participation increases and candidates look at the impact Indian Country has on elections.

http://nativevote.org/images/docs/The%20American%20Indian%20Vote%20A%20Brief%20History%20_2004_.pdf

This links speaks to the reason you should vote in all elections.
<http://nativevote.org/documents/Final%20Why%20Vote%20060108.doc>

Matt Wesaw, Native Vote Coordinator
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Lisa
Hope you have a great day .
We are so proud of you. Have
a wonderful day and we'll see
you soon . Good luck on
your volleyball games.
We love you very much.

Your loving Daddy and
Mama from Florida

Happy Birthday Derek AKS known
as PoppyHope you have a great
birthday . We Love and appreciate
you and all you do for us.

Love Dad and Mom McKinney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Corey Rangel
October 9

Love, Michelle & Bradley

Happy Birthday to
Kelli Ottinger Sept. 4th

Love, Bobby, Jessie
and the Chit-linns.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Brittainy Rangel
October 31

Love, Michelle & Bradley

Today you turn 16! Even though
you are getting older, you will
always be mom's ladybug. I love
you daughter from the moment
they put you in my arms.

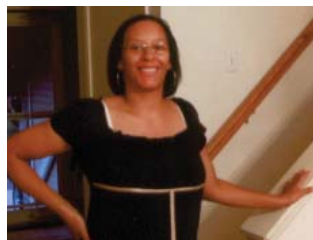
Sky, you are a wonderful sister.
I love you more than anything.
Have a wonderful day today.
You deserve it. Love you, Jess.

Happy Birthday we love you
Jessica, Mom, & Kady.



Happy Birthday you guys! Our pride and joy, Ace
Allen Forster was born on his inle Kevin's Birth-
day, Oct 12th, 1 year ago. Your family wishes the
both of you the Lord's blessing on this day and
always to Kevin, We Love you!

To Ace, Mom and Dad, Sister Madison Love you!
And that goes for all the rest of us.



Happy 37th Birthday
Konnie Grubb-Birks

From Mom and Dad
Love Always



Shannon "Scott" and
Heidi (Topash) Greer of
Fort Myers, Florida are thrilled
to announce the birth of their
second child, Connor Scott.

Connor was born May
16, 2008 at 10:55 a.m. He
weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces
and was 20-1/2 inches long.
Welcoming Connor is big sis-
ter, Quinn, great-grandmoth-
ers Erma Keith of Spokane,
Washington and Fannie Mae
Hochstetler of Schoolcraft,
Michigan and grandparents
Dean and Carole Greer of
Spokane, Washington and
Paul and Dorothy Topash of
Wesley Chapel, Florida.

We, the family of James F. Wesaw, who passed
away August 14, 2008 in Dowagiac, MI would
like to thank all who showed their support during
our difficult time. We received many phone calls
and visitors. Each of your condolences means so
much to us. Thank you for all who sent flowers,
and food for the family along with great conversa-
tion. Although it is still a tough time for us, you
gave us strength to through the days of preparing
him for his journey. We would also like to thank
Pat Warren for the beautiful ribbon shirt that he
wore on his journey home.

Megwetch and God Bless
The family of James F. Wesaw.

When you went away

When you went away on that August day,
I knew we'd meet again.
Where rivers flow, where life has no end.
In that faraway land, as was God's plan,
For everyone, for you, for me.
There will be no more tears, no more pain.
Our hearts will finally be free.
Although I love and miss you,
I know one day I'll see you.
For one day, my time will also come.
He will call my name, as he did yours.
And we'll meet at the gate by the sun.



Happy Birthday,
Raymond Morseau III
45 yrs. 10-9-08

Love, Mom-Bette,
and brother-Brian.



September 1st
Happy First Birthday to
Hugo Gregory Alexis!

We love you tons!

Happy Birthday Carla
October 14
~Love Mad

Happy 13th Birthday
India Wesaw Oct. 10th
Love, Your Family

Happy 16th Birthday Matt
Mersereau Oct. 6th

Love your family.



Congratulations! Greg
morsaw for taking first
place in the mens tradi-
tional dance catagory at the
kee boon mee kaa.

Love your family.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you Ribbontown singers for letting my son be apart of the group. Even though is was only for a short time, thank you especially John Warren for the gift of the drumstick. We will take care of it. Thanks again!

Alicia Jackson.

A sister is a gift to the heart,
a friend to the spirit, a golden
thread to the meaning of life.
~Isadora James

Happy Birthday to my
exceedingly beatuful sister
Cheryl Lee!

With all my love, Rhonda Kay



Happy 40th Birthday
Todd Wesaw

Love Jill, Zachary and Sidney

Happy 16th Birthday, Justin
Mersereau Oct. 6th

Love your family.

Happy Halloween "BOO!"
Dakota "Cody" Hulbert
And Happy 13th Birthday.
We are very proud of you!

Love, Aunt Do,
Grammy, and Papa

Happy Birthday to
Shirley Linn Sept. 12th

Love, Bobby, Jessie
and the Chit-Linns.



Congratulations to our parents F. Gordon and Bea Wesaw. We celebrated with them on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. August 28, 2008. Their children are Ron, Dorene, and Debbie. They have four grandchildren: Ron Jr., Jeff, Cody, Lisa. And 5 great grand children: Jessie, Tara, Brendan, Jordan, Mason, and one on the way.

Congratulations to the organizers of the waterwalk in Dowagiac, Michigan. Majel I am so glad to have come along as far as I did, special thanks to you. I don't think I would have participated because of the distance from Grand Rapids if the walk didn't have you attached to it. I do honor the other women involved, especially the dedication of Cleora and Cindy (WOW). The feast was fantastic especially seeing the Chief's participation (thank's John and family) What a great weekend! All the volunteers for the Pow Wow are to be commended. Thank-you Pokagon Council and staff and thank-you Pow Wow committee.

Megwetch, Wawaana
Kookoosh, Roger Williams,
Kchinodin

Women's Talking Circle

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 5, 2008, 1 p.m. at the Teaching Cabin at Rogers Lake property. As usual, please wear your skirts, bring your shishigwanek mine nech dewegenek (rattles and hand drums) and bring a snack to share.

We must offer chi-migwetch to scores of people for the success of the Pokagon Water Walk held the Friday before our Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow. To all of you who came for Opening Ceremony at Gage Street and the many more who came for Closing Ceremony at Rogers Lake, we say wewene. For all our Veterans (Rusty Green, Roger Williams, Chris Ballew, Joe Topash) who carried the Eagle Staff and the Pokagon flag and to Clarence White for bringing the Eagle Staff, we say wewene. To Crystal

Morseau and Chad Gillespie for carrying our banner and all those who carried the copper pail of our Sacred Water and all those who walked with us that day, we say wewene. To Officer Doug Callahan of our Tribal Police and Chief Tom Atkinson of the Dowagiac Police for protecting us on the twelve mile journey, we say wewene. To John and Angie Miller and Goffy Waubaunsee for the gift of nourishment at the end of the walk, we say wewene. To all of the Pow Wow Committee and Tribal Council for supporting and encouraging us in this Sacred Walk, we say wewene. If we missed anyone, please forgive us but know we have much gratitude in our hearts for you also. It was a beautiful day for our community.

Cleora Morseau mine
Majel DeMarsh

The Pink Shawl Project

Pokagon Potawatomi Health Services invites Native women in the Band's service delivery area to make a shawl for their own personal use during the Band's first Pink Shawl Project. Cultural teachings, sewing instruction and health education will be provided in a series of ten workshops. Participants can pick whatever date(s) they want to attend. Various key cultural presenters and health educators will be present on different days. All supplies and instruction will be provided free of charge. The program is available to Native women and girls and to non-Native women who are mothers of Native children and/or spouses/partners of Native women. Registration is required. Contact: Julie Farver for additional information.

Healthy snacks will be provided at each session: fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, along with water.

The pink shawl project promotes breast health awareness. It is also an opportunity for Native women to bond together, form new friendships and renew old ones. All fabric provided by Health will be 100% good quality cotton. Women can choose between ribbon or fringe. We will be making basic, simple shawls—not of the contest powwow type. Once these shawls are smudged with sage, they will become medicine. Our goal is to "dance out" 50 shawls at the Holland Powwow on Saturday, Oct. 25th at the Holland Civic Center in Holland, MI. Please join us. No sewing experience required!

Wed: 10 - 1 Sat: 10 - 4
Mon. 10 - 6 Sat. 10 - 11
Mon: 10 - 13 Wed: 10 - 15
Sat.: 10 - 18 Mon: 10 - 20
Wed: 10 - 22 Sat: 10 - 29

For more information, contact:
Julie Farver (269) 782-8998 or
(800) 517-0777

Saturdays: 10:00 am -1:00 pm; Mondays & Wednesdays: 6-8 pm. All sessions at Elders Hall, 53237 Townhall Rd., Dowagiac, MI 49047



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32142 Edwards St.
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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

November 2008

REAFFIRMATION DAY CELEBRATION

There was a tremendous turnout for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Reaffirmation Day Celebration 2008.

The date of the Celebration was Saturday, September 20th. The weather was absolutely wonderful. The day began with an invocation given by John Warren, with drums throughout the day.

The day was full of events that included a meal prepared for 400 people, Copper Bowl Making, Necklace Making, Shi Shi Be, Pink Shawl Project Sign-ups, Car Seat Safety Check, Property Tours, Buffalo Distribution, and Backpack giveaways at Education.

There were drawings held for the youth and adults. One young man won a skateboard valued at \$100 and a young lady won \$100 in apparel from Red Paint Printing. Four lucky adults walked away with VISA cards worth anywhere from \$25 - \$75!

There was a lot of hard work put into the day. Staff and volunteers were wonderful. Thank you to all that made this day possible for the Pokagon Band Membership to enjoy and take part in.

We look forward to next year!



VOTE
NOVEMBER 4th
Let your voice be heard!





Pokégnek Yajdanawa “The Pokagon’s Tell It”

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or “name withheld” submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band’s or a supervisor’s authority, or
impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues (2 months prior) of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com
and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for
membership submissions for the
December newsletter will be
November 14. Send articles and
announcements to:

Pokagon Newsletter

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday – Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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| Tuesday – 1st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| Each Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday – Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday – Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



November 2008

Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> |
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| 3 Barbeque Chicken Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Tomato Salad Fruit Salad/ Rolls | 4 Grilled Pork Chops Wild Rice Squash Berries Rolls | 5 Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad Fruit & Yogurt Cups/ Rolls | 6 Business Baked Salmon Alfredo Noodles Spinach Apple Crisp/ Rolls | 7 Taco Bake Tossed Salad Jell-O W/Fruit |
| 10 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Melon Cranberry Juice | 11 Closed Veteran's Day | 12 Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Fruit Salad/ Rolls/ Fortune Cookie | 13 Language Buffalo Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Veggie Tray Garlic Bread Cottage Cheese/ Pineapple | 14 Potato Soup Roast Beef on Onion Roll Fruit Salad Raw Carrot Sticks |
| 17 Hot and Barbeque Chicken Wings Au Gratin Potatoes Tossed Salad Wax Beans Fruit/Rolls | 18 Beef Pot Pie Spinach Salad Fruit & Yogurt Rolls/ Pumpkin Pie | 19 Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions Black Beans, Cheese Pineapple Upside Down Cake | 20 Social Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Dressing Cucumbers & Onions/ Rolls Blue Berry Crisp/ Cranberries Cauliflower, Broccoli, Carrots | 21 Tilapia (Fish) Baked Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Jellied Vegetable Salad Rolls |
| 24 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes W Gravy Brussels Sprouts/ Mixed Green Salad Watermelon/ Rolls | 25 Pork Roast Potatoes, Onions, Cabbage, & Carrots Tomato Salad Apple Sauce/ Rolls | 26 Chicken Soup & Dumplings Grilled Ham Cheese Sandwich Fruit Salad/ Veggie Tray <small>Note: 2% Milk, tea, coffee, water, Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches/burgers.</small> | 27 Closed Thanksgiving | 28 Closed Thanksgiving |
| 30 Beef Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwiches Pineapple/ Cottage Cheese | | | | |

POKAGON BAND CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Featuring Native American handcrafted items from our
Pokagon Band Tribal Members

Saturday, November 15, 2008

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pokagon Band Elder's Hall
53237 Townhall Road
Dowagiac, MI

Interested in being a vendor? Call 269-782-8998

Public is Welcome!!

Attention All Students

The Michigan Indian Elders Association is again offering scholarship awards to college bound students. There is one - \$1000 award and at least six - \$500 awards being offered.

For students K thru 12 who apply there is a \$25 award for the current marking period that you have straight A's and or perfect attendance. Please contact our Education Department for application and information or go to the internet at michiganindianelders.org Come on Pokagon parents and grandparents, get behind your children. They deserve your help!

Thank you, Bonnie Parrish



Direct Deposit Per Capita Checks

The following tribal members need to have address updates with the Enrollment Office. Please contact Judy Augusta at 888-782-1001. Your mail is being returned. The Finance Office will need an updated address for you in regards to 1099's at year end.

Terri Lynn Andrews
Marilyn Michelle Brewer
Kevin Lindsey Brown
Bennie Cowgill III
Monica Leigh DeGraw
Cindy Gonzalez
Steffan Gonzalez
Jennifer Laura
William Morris
Dawn Russell Paul
Anthony W Ridenour
Alexis Rodriguez
Ervin Allan Starrett Jr.
Philip Sturgeon

Returned Per Capita Checks by Post Office

The following tribal members have checks waiting for address updates so that they can be mailed back out. Please contact Judy Augusta the Enrollment Coordinator at 888-782-1001 or 269-782-1763. Once you have submitted your update the Finance Department will mail out your check.

Jesse David Ballew
Eric Randall Blevins (2)
Katherine A Carlton
Shawn Isaac Genereaux (2)
Jeffrey David Marunycz
Gregory Louis Matulaitis
Tiffany Melissa Moor
Craig Allen Neidlinger
Brandon Lee Peters (2)
Sarah Elizabeth Pillow (2)
Bradley Joseph Ramirez
William Jefferson Rose II
Heather Michelle Shoemaker
Joseph Scott Winchester Jr
Nicole Marlene Wood

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.

| PBID# | First | Middle | Last | PBID# | First | Middle | Last |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0051 | Lori | Rachael | Sisk | 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson | 1369 | Ted | Thomas | Wesaw |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau | 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau | 1446 | Bobby | Marcus | Haynes |
| 0299 | Frank | Gonzalves | Leonardo | 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt | 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 0416 | Richard | Earl | Welty | 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 0417 | William | Everett | Welty | 2565 | Michael | James | Martin |
| 0418 | Tena | Anne | Welty | 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray | 2649 | Mark | Anthony | Jackson |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie | 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis | 2713 | Tamara | Lynn | Tanner |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw | 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 0668 | Joseph | Scott | Winchester | 2789 | James | Harris | Walsh |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger | 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez | 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel | 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 1106 | Lindsey | Ann | Williams | 3166 | Tiffany | Melissa | Moor |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins | 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown | 3985 | Brittany | Ann | Hamilton |
| | | | | 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



News

School days are Monday-Thursday from 8:30-2:30. We provide transportation to the Dowagiac & Hartford area with central pick-up and drop-off locations (the bus route is limited to no longer than one hour with children on the bus). We serve a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The Potawatomi Language and Culture and incorporated throughout each day. Each week the center begins with an opening ceremony and ends each week with a closing ceremony.

We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation. Thank you, Mary Jo Morris for donating one-time use disposable cameras. Thank you, Val Janowski for the pumpkins, and Thank you, Majel DeMarsh for volunteering time for working on the mural on the wall. We would also like to thank Officer Callahan, from Pokagon Tribal Police, and Officer Wiggins, from Dowagiac Police, for presenting Pedestrian, Bus, and Car seat safety at our October Family Fun Night.

We would like to welcome our new employees. Tracy Hyatt - receptionist, Linda Boyce - Housekeeping, and Samantha Townsend - Center Assistant. We would also like to congratulate Tia Councilman on getting the Language & Culture Coordinator job!

“Voices and Visions from Michigan’s American Indian Head Start Programs: A Photo Voice Project”

The program was asked to participate in a research project “Voices and Visions from Michigan’s American Indian Head Start Programs: A Photo Voice Project”. This research project is in partnership with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Michigan State University, Bay Mills Community College, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Head Start and the Grand Traverse Band Head Start.

The nine Head Start sites began the project in April 2008. The entire group meant at the end of July to decide on the final twenty-five pictures that will make up the traveling exhibit. Each of the twenty-five pictures have been enlarged to poster size and positioned on a black background. Each picture will be on an easel and have a caption underneath explaining the meaning of each picture. Each Tribe will have the opportunity to host the traveling exhibit at their Tribes throughout the year. The Pokagon Band Head Start is anticipating a December 2008 arrival.

This project entailed a Tribal Staff Member (Sarah Hyatt) from each site taking photographs of places, persons and things related to their community and the impact of Head Start. The photographs help tell a story about elements of our lives—in this case, the impact of Head Start. The goal of each picture was to provide answers to four key questions: What should people know about life in your community? In what ways has Head Start impacted your community? Photographs that I have taken will be used for purposes of informing and educating community leaders, residents, and neighborhood organizations about life in American Indian communities in Michigan and the impact of Head Start. My photographs may also be used to assist in building community awareness through using photos for flyers, reports, and other program literature.

This was truly in honor to participate in the project and represent the Pokagon Band Head Start Program for the Pokagon Band. The exhibit will be hosted at the Southwestern Michigan College Museum throughout the entire month of December.

Upcoming Events/Closures

- *Tuesday, November 11, 2008- Closed in observance of Veterans’ Day.
- *Thursday, November 20, 2008- Family Fun Night from 6-8pm
- *Thursday, November 27, 2008- School closed for Thanksgiving Day.
- *Friday, November 28, 2008- Closed for the day after Thanksgiving.

Family Fun Night

The November Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008. We will be having the Pokagon Township Fire Department join us for fire safety. The families will have the opportunity to learn some fire safety skills and complete a fire escape route for their homes. **There will be no Family Fun Night in December.**

Enrollment for 2008-2009 School year

We are accepting pre-applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Children must be 3 years of age by December 1, 2008 to be eligible for the current school year. We are currently full for the funded thirty-three slots. However, we always accept applications for the waiting list. Please contact the office to have a pre-application mailed to you. You will need to return proof of all household income with the pre-application. Children on the waiting list are ranked based on priority for the available slot. Please contact Sarah Hyatt or Christina Blue at the center at (269) 783-0026.

Donations

Donations are always greatly appreciated! Items that we are always looking for: Inexpensive tennis balls to put on the bottom of the kids’ chair so they do not scratch the floor, play dough, wet wipes, one time use disposable cameras, outdoor play toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles or any school supplies. To prepare for the winter months; hats, gloves, boots, snow pants and coats are always accepted. If you would like to donate any of these items or have any thing else in mind, please drop them by the Center.

November Birthdays:

- *Adam Lozano 11/10—Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Miss Pam Keller 11/14—Happy Birthday
- *Dale Personette 11/12—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Miss Tia Councilman 11/18—Happy Birthday!
- *Emily Ketchum 11/20—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Ethan Ketchum 11/20—Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Mrs. Sarah Hyatt 11/26—Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays:

- *Hayden Langley 12/5-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Haley Juroff-Holloway 12/10-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Alissa Morseau 12/13-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Rylee Reinhardt 12/15-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Sierra Helmke 12/19-Happy 5th Birthday!
- *Sammy Linn 12/20-Happy 4th Birthday!
- *Mrs. Amy Wiggins 12/20-Happy Birthday!
- *Maddisyn Stull 12/22-Happy 5th Birthday!

School & Bus Closings

1. If Dowagiac Schools are closed, Pokagon Band Head Start is closed.
2. If Dowagiac Public Schools have a 2-hour delay, then the Pokagon Band Head Start will have a 2-hour delay. This means school will begin at 10:30 rather than 8:30. For transportation purposes, please plan for your child to be picked up 2 hours after their normal bus time.
3. If Cassopolis schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
4. If Hartford schools are closed, we will not travel to those areas.
5. You may watch Channel 16 (NBC) out of South Bend, Channel 22 (WSBT) out of South Bend, Channel 28 (WSJV) out of South Bend and Channel 3 (WWMT) out of Kalamazoo to view the listings. **We will try to have the postings on these news stations by 6:30 a.m. However, whatever closing/delay that Dowagiac lists, Pokagon Head Start will follow.
6. If Dowagiac Public Schools cancel classes early, then Pokagon Band Head Start will cancel classes early. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the early closure and to confirm that children shall be transported to their normal destinations. **Please note...it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the day care providers of early closures, so they can allow for proper adult to child ratios, not the center. **It is always the discretions of the bus drivers and bus monitors to determine if the road conditions are safe. If the drivers begin the routes and they feel they will be transporting in unsafe conditions, they may call of the bus route for the day. If this happens, they will call the center and staff will begin to notify families immediately according to the bus schedule. In this instance, it would be a self-transport day.



Brag-Time!!

Feel free to brag to us about your children! Keep us informed on their growths, accomplishments, goals, awards and milestones. We will be starting up the "Student of the Month" column next month and are looking forward to highlighting your children!

Contact the K-12 Program and ask for Becky, Laurel, Dan, or Penny - 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234.

Schools Supplies - One Last Reminder

The deadline for Backpacks and School Supplies is quickly approaching! We will be "closing our store" of the supplies on November 26th. Don't miss this opportunity for some useful supplies and beautiful backpacks that you children can use with pride! Call the Department of Education (269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234) for more information. Indiana families - we will deliver the bags and supplies to the Mishawaka office.

Summer Enrichment

Tribal Council supported a wonderful program this year on behalf of our 7th through 12th grade members, the Summer Enrichment Program. Members were invited to apply for a scholarship to cover tuition and possibly transportation - not to exceed \$500 - for a summer program, camp or workshop. Twenty-two Pokagon Band children had experiences this summer that will be enriching the rest of their lives. What they have reported back through a feedback questionnaire is too important and rewarding to keep quietly in my files. Chi Migwetch to all who participated - Tribal Council, Department of Education, families and the students! Enjoy!

Featured this month is Michael Maina of New Jersey. He is an Eighth Grade student and son of Theresa Maina and Robert Campbell.

Where was your experience, what camp or workshop?

Pokagon Band Summer Camp. (Editor's Note: Michael used his air flight as his Summer Enrichment.)

Did your experience meet your expectations?

Yes.

What was the most enjoyable part?

Making drums.

What was the most difficult part?

Staying in the Sweat Lodge.

Would you repeat this event again? Why or why not?

Yes, because I think it is a great way to learn our culture.

What about this experience will be your strongest memory?

All the people I met and friends I made

.

How might this Summer Enrichment experience help with your future?

I can now teach people the culture.

Would you suggest this for other Pokagon children?

I would suggest this to other Pokagon children.

Migwetch, Michael, for sharing with us! We look forward to seeing you at Camp in 2009!

We Have Information!!

That is reassuring to read, especially coming from the Department of Education - but it is true! We just got in many very helpful booklets with a great variety of hints and help. Some of the titles are: "How to Study", "Learning Begins at Home", "Reading With Purpose", and "Help Your Child Succeed in School". Some of the booklets are intended for students to read and use and some are for parents' and guardians' use. Come in to the Department of Education and use this wonderful resource.

Tutoring

We are still scheduling K-12 children with tutoring sessions. We are also open to "temporary tutoring" when students need help getting ready for tests or completing a major project, depending upon our availability. Questions are always welcomed at 269-782-0887 or 888-330-1234. Ask for Penny Brant. (E-mail works well, too! Penny.brant@pokagon.com.)

Joseph Bruchac

Joseph Bruchac is a talented and insightful author, novelist, storyteller, singer, songwriter, poet, environmentalist and cultural preservationist. His Educational background includes a B.A. from Cornell University (English Literature Major and Zoology Minor), an M.A. in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio. He has written more than 70 books intended for both children and adult readers and has received numerous awards for his writing. Storytelling has led him on a journey across the United States and into Canada and Europe, with audiences spanning across cultures and age ranges.

He and his wife, Carol, live in the Adirondack Mountain foothills' town of Greenfield Center, New York. They are the Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Greenfield Review Literary Center and The Greenfield Review Press. His two grown sons, James and Jesse, work with him on projects involving the preservation of Abenaki culture, language and traditional Native skills. Dawn Land Singers, a performance group including the three men and Joseph's sister, Margaret, features traditional and contemporary Abenaki music.

His writings bring to life the importance of the continuation of the teachings of the Native American tradition, stressing respect of Mother Earth and all who inhabit Her. Many of his stories are based on the stories he learned from his Abenaki Grandparents, while drawing on cultures from across the world. Mr. Bruchac can simplify the most complex ideas and at the same time emphasize the importance of the most seemingly minor realizations. He brings the Teachings to the reader through conversation and thought, much like a new discovery hidden within an ancient thought. He shared this comment Eliza T. Dresang of the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), on October 22, 1999: "If there is one way that I would want to be remembered, it would be as a voice for the people rather than as one who spoke for himself. Whatever gifts I've been given have been given to me for a reason. No matter how much I give back, it could never be enough."



Community Colleges

Deciding where to continue your education can be a grueling one. This month's topic shows the advantages and disadvantages of going to a community college. If you need more assistance in this matter, please contact Chad Dee, Higher Education Specialist at chad.dee@pokagon.com.

ADVANTAGES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- **Cost of Attendance.** Average Tuition is usually less expensive at a community college compared to a public or private 4-year University.
- **Quality instructors.** A lot of community college instructors are adjunct instructors. This means they work in the same area they teach.
- **Time Frame.** The light at the end of the tunnel is a little shorter! 2 years compared to 4!
- **A great alternative for non-traditional students.** Community colleges often are much more geared to the needs of nontraditional students than four year colleges.
- **Easier transition from high school.** If you don't feel prepared to go to a four year college after high school, or you didn't do well enough to get into a school of your choice, a community college can be a great transition. Remedial classes are available to help students prepare, and if you prove yourself with a high GPA at a community college, acceptance to a four year school will be much easier.
- **Close to home.** Community colleges are typically more geographically-friendly than traditional 4-year Universities.
- **Classes may be more career-oriented.** If a four year college isn't right for you, look for associate degrees from community colleges and technical colleges that will help you advance your career.
- **Dual Enrollment option for HS students.** In some school districts, students have the option to take classes at a community college to fulfill both high school and college credits.
- **Flexible class schedules.** Community colleges are offering more and more flexible options for students, day vs. evening, one meeting per week vs. 2 or 3 meetings each week, etc. Online classes are an option as well (and are becoming increasingly more popular).

DISADVANTAGES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- **You don't get a bachelor's degree.** Although, more community colleges are setting up articulation agreements with area 4-year Universities to ease the burden of transferring. Some community colleges have 4-year institutions set up on their campus. For example, Western Michigan offers select bachelor level programs at their campus next to LMC. SMC has Ferris State University.
- **Less college atmosphere.** Community colleges typically do not offer the extra-curricular activities that most 4-year schools provide, such as more athletic programs and fraternities/sororities.
- **Less interaction among students.** It's harder to get to know your fellow students on a community college campus than at a four year school. Find clubs that you are interested in and making friends with classmates become easier.
- **Fewer campus resources.** At a community college, you're less likely to have an excellent college library, student center, and other perks (compared to a 4-year University)

Getting to know: D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas

Recently, the K-12 Education Program had the pleasure of going to the 12th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference where the Keynote Speaker was D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas, an Odawa Indian. D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas was an excellent motivational speaker with lots of applicable information from his own childhood and experiences to pass on. His easy, outgoing manner and his cultural knowledge gave life to his examples.

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas achievements include Captain in the U.S. Air Force earning him the name Mato Wambli (Eagle Bear) and consultant to Fortune 500 companies, as well as Bachelors in Management. From there he went onto receiving a Masters in Systems Management at the University of Southern California.

His web site: www.nativediscovery.com

Available with links to purchasing his book *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement*, which is printed in six countries and other links to published magazine articles.

Walking away from his presentation gave me a list of some fine examples for everyday life:

EVERYDAY

Review Your Vision

Ask At least one question

Create A list of things to complete

Take Time To walk for about 15 minutes

Take Time For Prayer or Meditation

Use Your gifts to help others

Taking a few minutes every day to review these items or something like them will keep you on a track and help keep your daily life interesting and enjoyable.

Currently Available: The Pokagon Band Library has a copy of his published book, as well as, a set of two of his DVD's. Please check them out.

Written by: Becky Accoe, Laurel Bieschke, Dr. Dan King

Pokagon Band Department of Education Library

Have You Seen It Lately?

It is well worth stopping in to the Department of Education. A lot of purchasing, sorting, organizing, and cataloging have gone into the Library lately – and there is more to come! Plan to spend some time. This is one of the best sources for Native American writing and information you will find! Part of our new additions to the shelves are a nice collection of Joseph Bruchac books for family and individual reading and awesome reference books in Language Arts, Math, and Science. Come be part of the growth and excitement – bring your Tribal ID and check out the knowledge and enjoyment!



Folsom Prison

Translated by Jim Thunder

I hear the train a coming its coming around the bend
Nodwa o shkwe de dabyan, e bye wagbozet
And I ain't seen the sun shine
Cho ngi wabmasi o gises
Since I don't know when
Mech na yedek pi
I'm stuck in folsom prison
Mba tashen shote Folsom Prison
And time keeps dragging on
Bma dzewen bmosemget
When I hear that lonesome whistle
E nodman I bodachgen
I hang my head and cry
I shna e webdemyan

Second verse is available at Education

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac Education on Nov. 13th and 27th.

South Bend office classes are on Nov. 6th and 20th from 7-9pm. Catch a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 11:00am.

Resume Assistance

Are you interested in creating or updating your resume?

Do you need some hands-on experience and training assistance?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this may be a workshop for you.

- Mishawaka Office on November 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Friday, October 24th
- Dowagiac Education Office on December 6th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please respond by Wednesday, November 26th

Space is limited at these locations. Please call Traci Henslee or Chad Dee at the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 269-782-0887 or toll-free at 1-888-330-1234 so that we may get contact information and a count of those interested in attending.

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Held @ Rodgers Lake Tribal Lodge
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

There will be three different workshops held on this day starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Black Ash Basket/Bookmark making: 10-12pm
12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Lunch
Continuing Black Ash Baskets/Bookmarks: 1-2pm
Shishibe'/Bingo: 2:30-3:30pm

If you would like more information please contact
Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Department of Education
@ 1-888-330-1234.

See you there...

Jayek I Zhetonawa O

(All that makes)

The Department of Education is creating a list for all Pokagon's who are dancers, supply or food vendors, and for those who know how to make various traditional items such as:

Tanning Hides
Weaving
Beadwork
Basket Making
Shield Making
Stone/Bone Carving
Drum Making
Regalia
Quill Work
Other

This network will be a great way to give back to our community and come together as one to teach and learn from each other. If you would like to be on our contact list to possibly help teach upcoming and future events or workshops in our community, please call Rhonda Shingwauk, Cultural Associate, Pokagon Department of Education @ 1-888-330-1234.

Month of November 2008 Cultural Workshops

Below are the dates for upcoming workshops.

If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Shingwauk,
Cultural Associate @ 1-888-330-1234.

November 3rd- Beading Class being held at Education from 6-9pm.

November 10th—Beading Class being held at Education from 6-9pm

November 15th—Workshops of Black Ash Baskets, Black Ash Bookmarks, & Shishibe', being held at Tribal Lodge.

Baskets/Bookmarks—10-12pm, 1-2pm.
12-1—Lunch
Shishibe'—2:30-3:30pm.

November 17th—Craft Day being held at Education from 6-9pm

November 19th—Beading Class being held at Mishawaka office 6-8pm



The lively steps of Bmosé Myéwés

The lively steps of Bmosé Myéwés, our program to prevent, defeat, or treat diabetes, can be heard through “call ins” as our Walk the Path membership pass through each of the 12 nations. Please congratulate our first finalist, Minnie Barnes, who completed the 1053 ‘virtual’ mile walk on September 23rd. This is pretty impressive!! Don’t forget to continue to call in your miles and log in the Nations you pass through for your incentives. All while you develop and strive for healthy exercise or lifestyle habits.

Also, it is not too late to join the virtual Lake Huron Walk the Path as a way to keep active during the fall and winter months. We will complete this program next April just in time to start our “Walk the Path—Lake Erie” in 2009. Call Susan, 782-4141, in the Health Services offices for more information.

Learn the basics of type 2 diabetes, blood sugar control, healthy eating, and exercise during our Lifestyle and Balance Classes. Four sessions beginning October 29th, and continuing on November 5, 12, and 19, 2008 will be offered at the Elders Hall at 12:45pm to 2:00pm. You will receive an eating plan designed just for you, food models and demonstrations, plus information about how food and exercise affect your blood sugar control, and prevent further complications of diabetes.

Please call Susan, RD, Health Services nutritionist at 782-4141 for more information or to enroll.

Attention Health Clinic Patients

The Pokagon Health Clinic has recently had a turnover in Providers. Our previous Physician is no longer with us. We have had to ask local Providers to help cover the clinic until we hire a full time Physician. We have a Family Nurse Practitioner that is in our Clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (hours fluctuate depending on his clinical obligations elsewhere). A Physician is covering on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. We have recently received our new drug dispensing license. We can only dispense medications from our clinic Pharmacy when a Physician or Nurse Practitioner is present in the clinic. All patients must make a Clinic appointment for medication refills, please, call and make appointment at least 2 weeks before you run out of medication. Provider’s time in the Clinic may fluctuate, so call ahead and make sure their will be a Provider available to see you. When calling the clinic, let the receptionist know that you are making the appointment for medication refill so the clinic can be prepared. Not calling early could delay your medication refills. If you have any questions, please call 1-888-440-1234, or 269-782-4141, ext. 224. Thank You for your patience.



A Parent’s Guide to Internet Safety

What Are Signs That Your Child Might Be At Risk On-Line?

1. Your child spends large amounts of time on-line, especially at night.
2. Your child receives phone calls from people you do not know or they are making phone calls, sometimes long distance, to numbers that you do not know.
3. Your child receives mail, gifts, or packages from someone you do not know.
4. Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.

What can you as a parent do to minimize the chances of being exploited?

- Communicate and talk to your child about the potential on line danger.
- Spend time with your children on line. Have them tell you about their favorite on-line destinations.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child’s bedroom.
- Utilize parental controls provided by your service provider and/or blocking software.

For further information please contact the Pokagon Tribal Police Department, toll free at 1-866-399-0161, or your local FBI office or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.

Sources: U.S Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation – Publications



A Thank-you for the Pokagon Community

The Eagle Staff Gathering took place from 10-11-08 & 10-12-08.

Since my name is Kookoosh I will speak of the food first. The meals were great! The main feast on Saturday was fantastic. Thank-you to the cooks.

Many Chiefs and elders from from different tribes throughout the Midwest and Canada, as far north as Northern Ontario visited our grounds at Rodgers Lake. We received many compliments on our grounds and some indicated that it was better than their own, thank-you to the grounds crew I had first hand observation of how much hard work the Staff and volunteers had to expend. I am humbled by their dedication.

A special thanks to the Pokagon Tribal Council members who came to visit, I know it was a busy day for them. I would like to thank the entire Pokagon Tribal Council and community for supporting this event.

Megwetch
Kookoosh Roger Williams Kchinodin

Photos provided by: Mike Jackson and Penny & Dan Brant



Anishnabe Ogitchedaw - Veterans and Warriors Society



Host: Kookoosh Roger Williams





Head Veteran - George Martin





Host: Doris Boisseneau -
Sault College Native Education and Training



MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bozho mezodanen mina jayek
(hello family and friends).

Just a note to say Iqwien (thank you) to all for the good food and attendance at our women's circle. Our net Kwek (women's good life circle) will be at 1 PM on 11-9-08 at Rodgers Lake Cabins.

Hope to see you there.

Iqwien, Cleora and Majel.



"Announcing the birth of Adam Michael Skipper. He was born to Michael and Joan Skipper on July 14, 2008. Adam was born at 5:13 p.m., weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz., and was 22 inches long.

His grandparents are Waneta Skipper and Leroy and Theresa Schaub."



For My Buddy and My Princess
Happy Third Birthday to our twins
Arron & Chloe Evans
My Heart
You are everything !!!

Love Keku
Gran & PaPa Wesaw

"Happy Birthday Scott Kirvan.
Love from Dad and Essye"



Happy 4th Birthday Little Man! Sug
Sway Way Cabow (Standing in the
Sound of Thunder)
He turns 4 on Nov 7th, We Love You
More Nokomis & Mishomis



I'm Betty McBride, daughter of the late Mary Church. I am blessed to be a cancer survivor since 2005. I made my Pink Shawl in 2007. I'm proud and honored to have been asked to loan my Pink Shawl to the Grand Rapids public museum for a one year display, as part of the ongoing Pink Shawl Project to help promote Cancer awareness and the importance of early detection to everyone especially the native community.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth McBride



In Loving Memory
Joyce Marie (Wesaw) Green
March 17, 1932
November 8, 2003

I give you this one thought to keep -
I am with you still - I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone ~
I am with you still - in each new dawn.

Not a day goes by that you are not thought
of or remembered. We see you in every-
thing we do or say. We love you still and
miss you.

Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen and
Sherry, grand and great grandchildren!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulation Abbie and Kasey on the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Jaden Andrea Kusch Born Oct 3, 2008 21 1/2" long 8# 4oz. We are so very proud of your new family.
Love You More Nokomis & Mishomis

Happy Birthday to:

Robin Green 11/11
Andrew Green 11/14
Jennifer Green 11/17

From the Green Clan!

For our Dad
(Robert Linn)

Dad or Daddy, that's the title given to only those fathers who are worthy of it. Anyone Can be a father, all you have to do is reproduce, that doesn't qualify a man to be a Dad. A Dad is a person who is there for his family, who works hard to provide for them and does everything he can to make things better for them. That makes a man noble. That's what it takes to be a Dad. I am proud to say that my Dad is a noble man. He has worked for 44 years of his life, that's longer than I have been alive. I once applied for a job at his employer of 39 years, just to see what it was like to do what he did all those years. I made it one year before desperately seeking another form of work. The work he did for 39 years (in my opinion) was work intended for a mule. I am still proud to say I handled it for one year much less 39 years. It is now time for my Dad to retire and all I can say is that I, as well as my sisters, are as proud as kids can be of our Dad. Our Dad has always had an ongoing joke where he will say, back when I used to be a plumber or an electrician or a contractor or a mechanic etc. He will say these things as he is working on something at home, in other words he has worked on it all and he has, I have learned everything from him. He even taught me to play music, imagine that, being able to give someone the gift of playing music. And to me just the fact that he plays and sings 60's rock and roll music makes him probably the coolest Dad I could have asked for. Being on stage and your jamming to a rolling stones classic and you look over and it's your dad jamming that guitar, man that's a feeling not every person gets to experience. I just want to say thanks for everything Dad, all the hard work, I hope you have a wonderful retirement, I hope Mom does too, she has been a full time homemaker all of our lives and a hardworking one at that, she did and still does things that some of today's modern Moms would cringe at the thought of. So to the both of you Happy retirement from your three kids, Bobby, Kelli, and Marci. We love you both and would not have had things any other way.



DANIEL & BARBIE MCNEW
MARRIED ON OCTOBER 4TH AT
RODGERS LAKE

CONGRATULATIONS
LOVE DAWN & ROBERT



In Loving Memory & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Ralph Duane "RD" Green
Oct. 7, 1959 - Apr. 30, 2007

Don't think of me as gone away -
For my journey has just begun. Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one. Just think of me as
resting from the sorrows and
tears in a place of warmth and comfort. Where there are
no days and years. Think of how much I must be wishing
that you could
know today how nothing but sadness can really pass away.
And think of me as living in all the hearts I touched.
For some loved is never lost, because with your love
I WAS LOVED SO MUCH!
As your birthday came and passed we thought of you with
such good memories!

We love and miss you, lots!
Rusty, Kevin, Patty, Rocky, Joe, Karen & Sherry.
All your nieces and nephews. Jennifer, Jared and Dylan



NOTICE

SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT

This *Notice* shall be posted in all of the public offices of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians which includes the Tribal Council Lodge, the Pokagon Band Police Department, the office of General Counsel, the Tribal Courthouse, the Administration Building, the Department of Social Services, the office of the Commodities Building, the office of the Housing Department, the office of the Education Department, the office of Indian Health Services Department, the office of the Enrollment Department, the office of the Information Technology Department, the Pokagon Band South Bend satellite office, Elders Hall and the Pokagon Band Head Start facilities.

START DATE: November 1, 2008
END DATE: November 30, 2008

TITLE: Chapter 3: "Rules of Evidence"

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Chapter of Court Rules for the Tribal courts of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians is to establish rules of evidence by which parties in a court action may introduce certain information, documents and testimony before the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Tribal courts. Adoption of these rules fulfills a requirement of the Tribal Constitution.

TRIBAL COURT CONTACT INFO: Pokagon Band Tribal Courthouse
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE PROPOSED CHAPTER OF POKAGON BAND COURT RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Copies of the proposed Chapter of Court Rules may be obtained by contacting the Pokagon Band Tribal Court Administrator at the above address, phone number, fax number, or e-mail address. A complete copy of the proposed draft will be forwarded promptly for review and comment. Comments must be submitted to the Tribal Court Administrator no later than the "End Date" specified within this *Notice*. All comments submitted will be considered by the Pokagon Band Court of Appeals prior to adoption of the final rules.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE AND PROPOSED CHAPTER OF COURT RULES IS ALSO POSTED ON THE POKAGON BAND WEBSITE.



Is there a Manufactured or Modular home in your future?

Are you considering the purchase of a manufactured or modular home? It's a major decision - we're here to provide support and advice. So...before you enter into a contract, contact the Department of Housing at (269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385. We're here for you!

Workshop is Free!
Space is limited!
Call now!
(269) 783-0443



Free Child Care
for ages 3-13

RECEIVE A \$25 VISA GIFT CARD FOR ATTENDING
(Limit One Per Household)

Trying to Stretch Your money?
Finding More Month than Money?
Need Help in an Economy of High Gas and Food Prices?

Join us on either November 11th OR 15th for our next
Financial Empowerment Workshop

Tuesday November 11th
Pokagon Band Head Start
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm

Saturday November 15th
Pokagon Band Head Start
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Join us for brunch at 9:30 am

"Take Control of YOUR Finances"

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
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"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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Pokagon Band Tribal Council November Schedule

Nov. 3 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)

Nov. 4 – Tuesday – 1:30 PM: Informational Meeting with Jeff Davis, Etc.
and Adam Walsh Act (Lodge)

Nov. 8 – Saturday – 10 AM: T.C. Meeting (Lodge)

Nov. 10 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (If needed) (Lodge)

Nov. 17 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)

Nov. 18 – Tuesday – 3 PM: Tour of Casino (Four Winds Casino)

Nov. 18 – Tuesday – 5:30 PM: G.A. Meeting (Casino)

Nov. 20 – Thursday – 6 PM: T.C. with TOO (Lodge)

Nov. 22 – Saturday – 10 AM: Legislative Session (Lodge)

Nov. 24 – Monday – 1:30 PM: T.C. Special Session (Lodge)





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Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
58620 Sink Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047

THE POKAGONS TELL IT POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA

December 2008

Have a safe and wonderful

Holiday Season!

Women's Talking Circle

Bozhoo mine, Hello again, we are making a slight change in location for our next Talking Circle which will be Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. I am inviting everyone to my home at 401 Fairfield Drive, Dowagiac, MI. I live in town very near the high school but please call me for directions (269) 782- 6440. Cleora and I will be out of town that week before the talking circle so try to call her (269-782-6836) or myself to let us know if you are coming. Again, wear your skirts and bring a snack to pass. Please get the words out to our Sisters.

-Majel DeMarsh

The Pokagon Band Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at two locations:

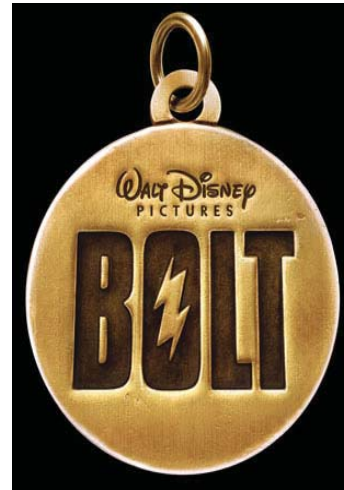
Wonderland Cinema
402 North Front Street
Niles, MI 49120

M-89 Cinema
Cross Oaks Mall
Plainwell, MI 49080

We will watch...

**Sunday,
December
7th**

At Wonderland,
Admission will
start at 8:50
a.m. and the
movie will start
at 9:35 a.m.
At Plainwell,
admission will
start at 8:35
and the movie
will start at
9:20 a.m.
Seats are
limited and are
on a first come
basis.



A limited # of
tickets will be
available for the
next showing if
there is an
overflow.

We will provide
the movie
ticket, popcorn
and pop!

Children **must**
be
accompanied by
an adult.
Limit of two
adults per
family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth
18 years and younger.

Gifts for children with tribal enrollment cards will be distributed.
Children unable to attend the movie will be able to pick-up a Christmas gift
on the same day

Sunday December 7th at the Tribal Lodge in Dowagiac from 3-5 p.m.

Children must be present to receive a gift at any location. **YOU WILL HAVE TO
PROVIDE YOUR CHILD'S POKAGON BAND TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD** for your
child to receive a gift.

In the event of bad weather, children unable to make the 3-5 pm event in Dowagiac on December
7th will be able to pick-up gifts the following Sunday, December 14th at the Tribal Lodge from 3-5
pm only if there is bad weather on December 7th. The movies will still be shown on December 7th,
but please use good judgment in driving in bad weather.

**Questions? Please contact Marie Willis @ 1-888-330-1234 or
Melissa Rodriguez @ 1-800-517-0777.**

Winter Weather

With the winter approaching, please be advised that if Dowagiac Union Schools are closed or on a two (2) hour delay that all Pokagon Band of
Potawatomi Indians offices will also be closed or on a two (2) hour delay.

This information can be found by watching the following TV channels:

Channel 16 - WNDU (NBC) - South Bend

Channel 22 - WSBT (CBS) - South Bend

Channel 28 - WSJV (FOX) - South Bend

Channel 3 - WWMT (CBS) - Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, and Kalamazoo

In addition to the mentioned news channels, the closings or delays will be placed on the website and an
announcement will be placed on the Administration Office answering machine, 269-782-8998 or 800-517-0777,
providing there is power and Internet service at the Administration Building.

With this procedure in place membership will be able to know in advance if the offices are closed before making a trip.



Pokégnek Yajdanawa "The Pokagon's Tell It"

Guidelines for Member Newsletter Submissions
Motioned by Tribal Council 4-20-05

Newsletter

Enrolled members of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for posting in the Pokégnek Yajdanawa newsletter. Newsletter submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Newsletter submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to Pokégnek Yajdanawa are not original.

Identification

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Communication

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Etiquette

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
6. Absolutely no Political campaigning is allowed.

Where to send submissions:

Newsletter

C/O Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Or e-mail: newsletter@pokagon.com

This issue and past issues of the Pokagon Newsletter are available online in Adobe PDF format.

To download and view, visit: www.pokagon.com and go to the announcements section.

The deadline for membership submissions for the January newsletter will be **December 14**. Send articles and announcements to:
Pokagon Newsletter
P.O. Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047

newsletter@pokagon.com

Cigarette Sales

Cigarettes are being sold at the Tribal Administration offices. We currently sell a full line of Basic, Marlboro, and New Port brands. We also have a limited selection of Benson & Hedges, Camels, Doral, Kools, Merit, Misty, Pall Mall, Sonoma, USA Gold, and Winston.

Sales are currently being handled by the receptionist on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) during normal business hours (8-5). You must be 18 years old or older and present your tribal I.D. at the time of purchase. We currently have a maximum of 5 cartons per month per tribal member (increased from 2 originally).

South Bend Area Office Schedule

Monday - Housing staff will be available to provide information on all Housing programs.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday - 1st Tuesday of the month: | Health Services Social Worker |
| 2nd Tuesday of the month: | Contract Health Services Processor |
| 3rd Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Nurse |
| 4th Tuesday of the month: | Community Health Representative |
| Each Tuesday: | Behavioral Health Counselor |

CHR, CHS, Foot Care, Diabetes Management and Prevention by appointment.

Wednesday - Education staff will be available to assist with scholarship and WIA (Workforce Investment Act) applications.

Friday - Social Services staff will be available to provide information and referral on welfare programs. Applications for the Daycare program will be available.

ENROLLMENT, IHS, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING, EDUCATION OFFICES TO BE AT SATURDAY MEETINGS

In order to serve membership more efficiently, please note that the office representatives will be available at the monthly Saturday Membership Tribal Council Meetings from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. At this time you will be able to receive your new enrollment cards, or discuss with the various office representatives. Please note that these meetings are generally held the second Saturday of the month. However, please check the Calendar of Events in the Tribal Newsletter for the exact date every month.



Elder of the month Stella (Baker) Bivens Born March 3, 1916

Stella was born in Hope, MI her parents were Henry and Nancy Baker. She lived in the Upper Peninsula most of her life. She was raised in Petoskey, MI. She is Pokagon Band Elder at 92 years of age. She now resided at a Nursing Home.

Stella was married in 1934m had 9 children, 6 girls, and 3 boys. She has 31 grand children, 51 great grandchildren, the 51st names after her, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Stella widowed in 1965. She then went to work in Grand Rapids for 10 years. Moved back to Escanaba, MI. and did housework for awhile. She made baskets to sell and did lots of sewing and crafts. She never learned how to drive, but didn't matter too much she has always been a adventurous woman. Stella's grandchildren too her to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, she loved it. She went to the Grand Ole Opera in Nashville, TN with her daughter. Last year at age 91, went on a hot air balloon.



Calling All Students Michigan Scholarship

This is a reminder to get your application for MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS scholarship awards for the college bound. There is a \$1000 award and at least six \$500 awards. These are awarded by a panel of judges.

For K thru 12 who apply they will receive \$25 for the current marking period for straight A's and or perfect attendance. For application you can go to the Internet at michiganindianelders.org

Also you can contact our Pokagon Education Department. Come on parents and grandparents, get behind your children. They deserve your help.

December 2008 Pokagon Band Elder's Lunch Menu

Please call the day before if you are not a regular attendee for meals
Meals subject to change 269-782-0765 or 800-859-2717 Meal Service Begins @ 12:00 Noon

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Chili W/ Turkey Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit | 2 Pork Barbeque Baked Beans Coleslaw Veggie Tray/ Applesauce | 3 Buffalo Lasagna Tossed Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread/ Fruit | 4 <u>Business Lunch</u> Cornish Hen W/ Wild Rice Brussels Sprouts Fruit Salad Rolls | 5 Beef Goulash W/ Kidney Beans Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad Peaches Rolls |
| 8 Potato Soup Turkey Sandwich Relish Tray Fresh Fruit | 9 Carved Ham Sweet Potatoes Succotash/ Tomato Salad Jell-O Poke Cake/ Rolls | 10 Salmon Patties Scalloped Potatoes Peas W/ Pearl Onions Cottage Cheese/ Pineapple/ Roll | 11 <u>Language</u> Rutabaga & Chicken Stew Jell-o W/ Fruit Garlic Bread | 12 Buffalo Meatballs Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Squash Pears/ Rolls |
| 15 Ham and Bean Soup Chicken Breast Sandwich Mixed Green Salad/Roll Blueberry Pie | 16 Veggie Pizza Tossed Salad Brownie Fresh Fruit | 17 Boiled Dinner (Saus., potatoes, beans, corn, cabbage, & onions) Cottage Cheese & Applesauce Cornbread/ Peanut Butter Cookie | 18 <u>Social Lunch</u> Prime Rib/ Twice Baked Potato Honey Glazed Carrots Tomato Salad Tiramisu Cake/ Rolls | 19 Beer Battered Cod French Fries Coleslaw Green Beans/ Rolls |
| 22 Beef Hamburgers Macaroni and Cheese Spinach Baked Apple | 23 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes/ Roll Corn/ Tomato Salad | 24 Closed Merry Christmas | 25 Closed Merry Christmas | 26 French Toast Canadian Bacon/ Hash Browns Fresh Fruit/ Juice |
| 29 Baked Tilapia (Fish) Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies/ Rolls/ Fruit | 30 Chili Cheese Dogs Baked Fries/ Pears Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots | 31 Closed Happy New Year | Note: 2% milk, tea, coffee, water, & Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. | |



| PBID | FIRST | MIDDLE | LAST |
|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0083 | John | Dylan | Watson |
| 0202 | Jeffery | Scott | Morseau |
| 0239 | Francis | Wayne | Morseau |
| 0299 | Frank | Gonzalves | Leonardo |
| 0406 | Michael | Lynn | Hewitt |
| 0433 | Elizabeth | Alexandra | Gray |
| 0434 | Thomas | Charles | Abercrombie |
| 0507 | Tara | Jeanine | Davis |
| 0518 | David | Francis | Wesaw |
| 0847 | Cecilia | Marie | Barger |
| 0857 | Peter | John | Ramirez |
| 0881 | Robert | Dwayne | Antisdel |
| 1180 | Joshua | Scott | Perkins |
| 1204 | Kara | Liana | Brown |
| 1244 | Nicole | Marlene | Wood |
| 1283 | Jodi | Lynn | Burfield |
| 1445 | Michael | David | Bush |
| 1446 | Bobby | Marcus | Haynes |
| 1506 | Michaela | Lynne | Canard |
| 1674 | Christina | Elizabeth | Winter |
| 1837 | Steven | Ray | O'Brien |
| 2565 | Michael | James | Martin |
| 2644 | Phyllis | Ann | Thompson |
| 2649 | Mark | Anthony | Jackson |
| 2712 | Christopher | John | Tanner |
| 2723 | Sean | Ryan | Carmody |
| 2795 | Edward | F | Cushway |
| 2805 | Isabel | Marie | Campos |
| 2871 | Sarah | Elizabeth | Pillow |
| 2992 | Jacob | Ammon | Worthington |
| 3467 | Keith | Wesley | Rider |
| 4020 | Kelly | Renee | Granado |

Per Capita Updated List

The following is a list of members that have yet to verify their address with the Pokagon Band Enrollment office in regards to Per Capita Payment Distribution. If you or someone you know is on this list, please contact the Pokagon Band Enrollment Office to verify your mailing address.



Are you interested in joining the Pow Wow Committee?

The Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow-Wow Committee is actively seeking 4 individuals to join the committee starting January 2009. The 4 new members will assist in coordinating a traditional pow-wow the committee hopes to host in the spring of 2009 as well as the annual contest pow-wow held Labor Day weekend. Please send a letter of interest including any relevant experience you may have with coordinating pow-wows and your contact information. You must be willing and able to attend evening weekday meetings and commit to working the entire weekend of the Labor Day pow-wow. Please submit letters by January 13, 2009 via email to michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com or mail to

Pokagon Band Potawatomi Indians
Attention: Pow-wow Committee
P.O.Box 180 58620 Sink Rd
Dowagiac, MI 49047



Is there a Manufactured or Modular home in your future?

Are you considering the purchase of a manufactured or modular home? It's a major decision - we're here to provide support and advice. So...before you enter into a contract, contact the Department of Housing at (269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385.

We're here for you!

Attention Contractors and Sub-Contractors

Department of Housing Certified Contractor Program

We are preparing to build two new homes on Dailey Road and we also have rehab and repair projects. We need more Native American contractors and sub-contractors. We offer a Native American preference to qualified contractors and sub-contractors.

If you are already on our "Certified Contractor List" please make sure your information is current.

If you are not on our "Certified Contractor List" please call us to receive an application. The process to become certified is quick and easy.

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
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32142 Edwards Street
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
(269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385



"Our People, Our Homes"



Student Rental Assistance Program



Are You a Full Time Student?
Could You Use Assistance in Paying Your Rent?

We're Here to Help!

To qualify you must:

- Meet Income Requirements
- Have Your Permanent Address in the 10 County Service Area

You may attend school anywhere in the world!

Call Kim Cushway-Zepeda in Housing for Details at (269) 783-0443

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"Our People, Our Homes"



Indian Education Parent Committee Begins a Great Year!

An energetic Indian Education Parent Committee met for an organizational meeting on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Library of the Department of Education. The purposes of this meeting were to welcome the new members, elect the officers, and set the future meetings.

New members are: Jeffrey Brown, of Union Pier, MI; Nancy Petty, South Bend, IN; and Rachel West, Hartford, MI. These three complete the Committee with Conrad Church, Allegan, MI; Rechelle Hermann, Niles, MI; Marie Keller, Benton Harbor, MI; Ginny Rice, Hartford, MI; Judy Winchester, Dowagiac, MI; and Michele Winchester, also of Dowagiac. This is a dynamic group of concerned parents ready to roll up their sleeves to help create the best education for the children our services reach. The Department of Education staff works with the Indian Education Parent Committee to identify the needs and solutions. The two staff members focusing on the Committee are Marie Willis, Director and Penny Brant, Education Coordinator.

Elections were held with these results: Conrad Church, Chairman; Ginny Rice, Vice-Chair; Jeffrey Brown, Secretary; and Nancy Petty is the Treasurer.

Future meetings are set for Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. The dates are: December 14, 2008; January 11, 2009; March 8, 2009; and May 3, 2009. More may be added if the needs arise. These meetings are open to everyone and notices will be posted prior to each one. Attending one can be a great way to get more involved in the successful education of some wonderful children! If you can't attend and have comments or concerns, please contact one of the Parent Committee members or the Department of Education.

Submitted by Penny Brant

2009 Native American Student Artist Competition

Are your notebooks often filled with doodles and drawings? Do you like to paint, write, or photograph? If so, the 2009 Native American Student Artist Competition is waiting for you! The contest is sponsored by the Office of Indian Education, and is open to all American Indian and Alaskan Native students Pre-K through 12th grade.

This year's theme is Tradition is My Life, Education is My Future.

The grade categories for the art competition are Pre-K (ages 4-5), K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

The writing competition grade categories are 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

Artwork may take the form of painting, drawing, print-making, mixed media, photography, or computer art.

Essays must be 1-2 pages, doubles spaced, 12 point font, and in the personal narrative form.

All entries must be postmarked by January 16, 2009.

For more information, please visit www.indianeducation.org or call 1-866-259-0060.

Attention College Students and College Bound Students

Important FAFSA Information

In order to be considered eligible most financial aid opportunities including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

You can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1st. Apply as early as you can.

Please keep in mind:

- You must apply for every year you are in school
- While you can not apply until January 1st, you can apply for your PIN # anytime. You will need this pin # to sign your application and receiving the # early will save you time.
- Different states and institutions have different deadlines for state aid. Make sure you check with your school's financial aid office for deadlines.

- There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA. Be careful of organizations and websites that require you to pay to apply for the FAFSA.
- The official website to apply for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.gov

Need help in filling out the FAFSA?

Some of the resources available are:

- Financial Aid office of your college
- Guidance office of your high school
- The College Goal Sunday website has information for each state on Sundays where local colleges host workshops to help in the FAFSA process. The website is www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
- Call the Pokagon Band Department of Education at 1-888-330-1234 for assistance. We have a computer lab available where students can check out online resources and file the FAFSA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Marie Willis, Director of Education, to use the computer lab during non-business hours if necessary to accommodate your schedule.



Book Review

Marie Annharte Baker, Coyote Columbus Café. Winnipeg: Moonprint Press, 1994.

On October 15th, many school children fashioned construction paper ships and read the romanticized text-book tale of Christopher Columbus. Feeling the need to escape, I picked up a copy of Coyote Columbus Café from the Department of Education's Lending Library. In this collection of poetry, Marie Annharte Baker addresses issues of Native identity and self-discovery, feminism, and the racism she experienced growing up in Winnipeg. She urges coyotisma as a model for reinvention of what it means to be indigenous. While the coyote is often seen as a trickster, Annharte sees his transformative nature as something to aspire to in order to challenge the constraints of colonialism.

Weaving between the realms of fantasy and five hundred years of reality, coyote takes many forms in Annharte's poems. In "Tongue in Cheek, if not Tongue in Cheek", Annharte muses:

"I always wonder what is the difference between a hyena and a coyote? Then I had a coyote insight. Inner revelation. You don't always know coyote is laughing. Except deep inside. Pretty sneaky, eh? (2-6)

Coyote is not a figure used to symbolize oppression or colonialism but an archetype of wily resistance and refusal of complacency. To champion indigenous rights, celebrate Native culture and confront the sorrows of history is to embrace coyotisma—to become like the coyote. In her collection of poems, Coyote Columbus Café, Annharte awakens the inner coyote of each reader.

Marie Annharte Baker is Anishinabe from the Little Saskatchewan First Nations. Her poems have appeared in Canadian Native Writing in English: an Anthology, Black Apple, Earth Spirit Anthology, and Callaloo. Her other books include Being on the Moon (1990), Blueberry Canoe (2001), and Exercises in Lip Pouting (2003). In addition, she is co-founder of the Regina Aboriginal Writers Group and a contributing director of Five Feminist Minutes (1990). Marie Annharte Baker currently resides in Brandon, Manitoba Canada.

Submitted by Laurel Bieschke,
Education Associate

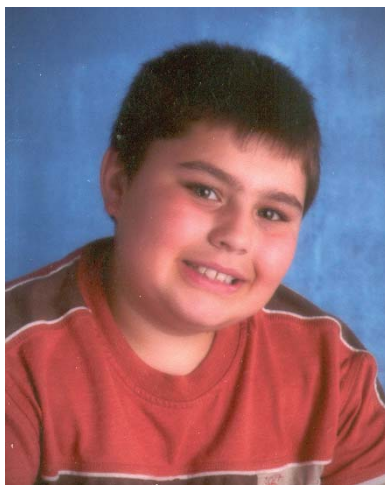
Beginners Language Class!

Are you interested in learning your native language? We are now offering a beginners class through SMC starting in January at the Niles campus. Frank Barker will be instructing and college credit is being offered for completing the course.

Registration Begins Nov 10 to Jan 7th.

Classes will be on Thursday nights from 7-9pm.

Contact Matthew Morsaw or the Education Office for more details.



Tyler Owen

Tyler Owen is ten years old and attends fourth grade at Ottawa Elementary in Buchanan, Michigan. He is the son of Scott and Shawnee Owen. Tyler's proud grandparents are Steve and Carla May and Jerry and Kay Bloom. Tyler has two sisters—Rhonda and Michaela—and a brother, Benjamin. Tyler enjoys playing baseball, football, soccer, and floor hockey, as well as Nintendo DS and Wii. Over the summer he even won a sportsmanship medal from his little league team! His favorite foods are tacos and spaghetti.

Tyler is proud to be Native American because of the value he places on his heritage and culture. This year Tyler participated in Pokagon Summer School, where he studied hard and played a lot of baseball. He especially enjoyed the visit from Sarett Nature Center. Tyler loves animals and would like to be a dog trainer someday. His short-term goal is to vacation at Disney World in Florida. Keep up the good work Tyler!



Tristan Kiggins

Tristan Kiggins is a fifth grade student at Red Arrow Elementary in Harford, Michigan. Tristan is part of a large family. Family members include: Mother: Angelic Meade; Father: Kenneth Kiggins; Brothers and Sisters: Jacob and Keena Luthringer, Cheyenne, Crystal, Kennedy, and Katrina Kiggins and his grandparents. Tristan attended this years pow wow. He enjoyed dancing, buying things (especially candy) and picking out his school supplies. Tristan is also involved in tutoring, summer camp, and family group within the Pokagon Band. Tristan's favorite foods are chicken & rice and chicken & ranch pizza. He enjoys riding his best friend's dirt bike and his uncle's 4-wheeler. Tristan likes to ride on two wheels, sideways, go off ramps, do donuts, and wheelies. After talking about 4-wheelers he shouts "I'm good at it!" Tristan's favorite sports to play are football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. "I'm a sports kind of guy," says Tristan. In basketball, he earned a Shooting Star Award and Coaches Favorite Award. When Tristan grows up he'd like to be either a professional football or baseball player. Be sure to look for Tristan on the field in a few years.



National Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking: Preserving Tribal Justice through Indigenous Peacemaking

The 2nd Annual Gathering of Peacemakers Conference was held on October 22-23, 2008 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Conference is an information sharing forum for Peacemakers, those who are interested in learning about peacemaking, and those who want to be Peacemakers. Our Court's Chief Judge Michael Petoskey, Court Administrator Stephen Rambeaux and several from the Pokagon Band Traditions/Repatriation Committee were in attendance to accomplish an objective of a grant the Pokagon Band received. That objective is to explore traditional practices for incorporation in the development of our justice tools here at the Band.

The Conference workshops provided a foundation for everyone in attendance about how traditional peacemaking practices can be incorporated within tribal justice systems and communities. Peacemaking allows for a less adversarial justice mechanism that would support families and bring the community closer.

Several different types of programs were discussed during the workshops. The session on Wellness Court described an intensive program for those individuals with substance abuse issues. The session on Equine Assisted Learning incorporated the use of traditional values through the active involvement and education about the Lakota horse culture and their traditional role within the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation. The session on Traditional Healers in Peacemaking explained the important role traditional healers play within the peacemaking process. Another of the workshop sessions talked about historical trauma, what it means, the impact it has had within tribal communities, and ways that the peacemaking process can help tribes and tribal members heal from trauma.

Peacemaking can be used in many different ways, forms and structure. For example, the Oneida Nation Peacemaking System is different from the larger society's methods of alternative dispute resolution. The larger society's methods often seek to narrow disputes to what is legally and factually relevant, such as with mediation and arbitration. The Oneida Nation peacemaking takes a more comprehensive approach. Their peacemaking process involves a person's background and family, and that person's role within the community and how affected the community will be by this person. The values of the culture will influence how a dispute is viewed. The Oneida Nation peacemaking views a dispute or problem

in the larger context of community and culture. Their peacemaking helps to instill community values, heal the participants and community, and guide the participants on how a person is to behave within the community. In different Tribal communities, the peacemaking process may be behind closed doors or open to the community. Also, the peacemaking process may or may not have a recording of the proceeding. Further, an agreement by the participants may be reached, but the agreement may never be put in writing while in some Tribal communities a peacemaking agreement may be submitted in writing to a court for enforcement. Finally, peacemaking does not always have to be used in such a formal setting such as a court, but could be a peacemaker getting together informally with participants to help resolve a dispute.

The community members of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee who attended the conference/workshop reported that they really felt like they had taken away a wealth of information from the Conference. The members were very eager to apply peacemaking to various areas within the community. A member of the Traditions/Repatriation Committee commented on the benefits of bringing peacemaking to our community and the positive impact it would have on the community's citizens. Peacemaking processes have been shown to work through evidence based practices such as therapeutic justice, balanced and restorative justice, drug courts and community courts. Many communities and judicial systems encourage its use. Peacemaking allows for the participants to have an active role in solving a dispute or problem. It allows for a community to instill its values and culture to its members and promotes wellness and healing. After the Conference those in attendance participated in a Talking Circle to share thoughts on the Conference, discuss what we learned, and how to apply peacemaking and its philosophy and concepts to the development of our justice tools for the Pokagon Band.





FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN

If you voted in the last election, you were an active participant in the making of history, regardless of your choice for president. If you didn't vote in the last election you are still part of history as a citizen of this great nation. I'm sure you have heard or read the various media comments addressing the election of the first African American as president of the United States.

Analyzing the next four years in a bit of a selfish perspective, the election of a president from the Democratic Party could prove to be very beneficial to Indian Country in many areas, while at the same time creating some difficulty in others. This election gives total control of the legislative process to the Democratic Party. The House has a majority it hasn't held since WWII. The Senate is almost filibuster proof. Some may question the lack of checks and balances; others will rely on what the Democratic Party platform and wait in anticipation for those principles to take shape in America. I think it is very important that we as native individuals, as tribal leaders and as part of a greater Indian Nation get very involved with this administration. If not, we run the risk of "business as usual", which has not served Indian people well these past eight years.

Here is my logic for the above statement. Until the election of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi was considered the leader of the Democratic Party. Nancy Pelosi is the Speaker of the House, a very powerful position. The Speaker controls the legislative agenda and ALL legislative activity including how a bill is "marked-up" for a vote on the House floor. Nancy Pelosi is the sole reason the Indian Health Care Improvement Act didn't come to a normal floor vote in the House. The Senate, in bipartisan action, approved the legislation with a significant funding increase, 83-10. The Healthcare Improvement Act will die in the House as a result of the Speaker's unwillingness to accept the settlement on the abortion issue. The concern that tribes were approving abortions in violation of the Hyde Amendment was resolved and if the Speaker would allow the bill to be presented for a vote, it would pass with overwhelming support of bipartisan House members, however; the Speaker has chosen not to allow a vote on the bill. When Congress adjourns session in December, all legislation dies and will have to begin the process all over again next year on the Healthcare Act. This is where the Obama Administration will become important. They will have to take the lead on this very important issue for Indian Country and prove that campaign promises will be kept.

While it is assumed by many that the Democratic Party is the "savior and guardian" of all minority communities, you can see that this is not always the case. The Indian community worked very hard on this legislation and in my opinion responded to every concern raised by political leaders from both parties. Our fate rested in the hands of one person, and she failed us because she had a personal agenda and it didn't include the best interests of the native people. It will be critical for Indian Country to have a voice in the Obama administration. Senator Harry Reid, D-Nevada, is Majority Leader in the Senate. While Senator Reid hasn't been consistently harmful to Indian Country, Senator Reid is heavily influenced by the Vegas casino owners and will side with them against Indian Country on gaming issues every time. We need to continue to work for improvements in other areas such as; education, healthcare, law enforcement, domestic violence, and economic development.

President-Elect Obama will now assume the role of party leader and will put forth his agenda for moving this nation forward. Included in that agenda is promises made during the campaign regarding Indian Country. President-Elect Obama stated several times that he believes Indian people should be in charge of Indian decisions, and held positions very supportive of healthcare and education. He also believes we have been improperly treated and the government has not lived up to the treaties signed with our nations. I believe we should work to support the appointment of Native people within the Obama administration, in particular to positions that directly impact Indian Country. In Michigan we have several quality individuals who are politically motivated and willing to serve. As we learn of vacancies in which native people would be beneficial, we should encourage individuals to apply for these very important positions. In my travels across the country I have encountered many native people who would be of great service to the Obama administration and to Indian Country. One who comes to mind is Keith Harper, an attorney in D.C. Keith worked very hard on the Obama campaign and I hope will play a significant role in identifying native people for appointments. I have contacted Keith and offered support to him in getting endorsements for people who will be aggressive in supporting Indian Country issues, including himself.

I will cite two examples of how I believe the Obama administration will be very good for Indian Country. I believe with the right amount of lobbying influence, the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act will pass in the next Congress. I think we as Native Americans can encourage the Obama administration to take the lead on this issue and I also believe the bill will continue to include the increased funding that was included in the Senate. Just as important is the potential for significant improvement in the time it takes to get land into trust. I firmly believe, in reading the campaign material, that the Obama administration will appoint a native to head the Department of Interior and the BIA. Included in this, will be a more streamlined process in taking land into trust. While this process has been cumbersome, expensive, and takes several years to accomplish, I believe will we realize a much more friendly and efficient process under President-Elect Obama. I think we can reduce what is about a ten year average to less than five years to take land into trust. This should be our challenge and focus when we have dialogue with the Obama people.

I was fortunate to get an invitation from Mike Blake of the Obama campaign to stand with Barack Obama during one of his campaign stops in Battle Creek. Unfortunately I was in South Dakota at the time attending the Governor's Inter-state Indian Council as a representative of Governor Granholm and couldn't participate. It was nice to get the invite, but better to realize that the Obama administration was aware of native leaders in Michigan. We need to build on this at every opportunity. I think it is very important that we assist in identifying native people who have the heart and desire to work with the Obama administration for the improvement of Indian Country. If you know of native people who have an interest and would be good selections for opportunities within the Obama administration I hope you will encourage them to apply. If interested please fill out an application by going to the Obama website at: <http://change.gov/page/s/application> It will help if they also contact the office so that we can use our contacts in promoting Indian people for Indian positions.

Good Luck and God Bless American
Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman



Appreciation

Now that the election is over and history has been made, I wanted to personally congratulate two people who did an outstanding job and worked very hard on getting out the Native Vote. First is Su Lantz, of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Su is the state Lead Coordinator for Michigan. Su is responsible for confirming each tribe had a tribal coordinator. It should be noted, that Michigan was the only state in the country that had a tribal coordinator for each of its twelve federally recognized tribes. That shows the effort Su put into the responsibility of being the Lead Coordinator. Michigan registered the highest number of voters ever in a state election. Although it didn't change the percentage of people who voted in this election, Michigan had a significant number of first time voters, especially in the 18-28 year category. This was a common theme across the country. Young people participated in this election like never before.

Second, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Val Janowski. While I may have been appointed the tribes coordinator, it was Val who did most of the work. Val was involved toward the end of the process, but when she realized what needed to be done, there was no controlling her energy or desire to make sure our people were able to get to their voting precinct to cast their vote. Val is not new to the political process. Val ran for the state senate two years ago against the incumbent and put up very respectable numbers. I'm sure this will only serve to keep her interest in working for the tribe as an elected official some day.

My hope is that our people will see the value in voting and getting involved with your government, whether it is at the tribal, local, state, or national level. It doesn't matter if belong to a political party or not, that is part of the process. The point is you should desire to have a say in what your government does from top to bottom. We will have another significant election in two years. There will be much at stake for us in Michigan. We will be electing a new Governor, and the House and Senate will be up for election, as well as many local seats. I would encourage each of you to take part in the next election. If you voted in this election, thank, if not, please consider participating in the next election.

Matt Wesaw, Vice-Chairman
Pokagon Native Vote Coordinator



Registration News

Once a year, all Pokagon Band members must complete the registration process if they utilize any of our healthcare services (contract health, clinic, behavioral health, optical, nutrition, and community outreach). This registration process occurs during your birthday month and the Pokagon Health Office sends out postcards to your home address to remind you of this. For example, if your birthday is December 25, you have the entire month of December to complete the registration process. If you do not receive a postcard from the Pokagon Health Office, please call us at 269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234 and dial "0" to be connected with registration. Registration is there to assist you with the registration process.

Please be patient with us as we continue to transition over to new providers at the clinic. As many of you know, at this time we only have providers at the clinic for 2-3 days a week and our schedule fills quickly. In order to better accommodate those needing our services, we have put a new policy into effect. Anyone who does not "show up" or come in for their scheduled appointment, without canceling their appointment, three times in a row, may be unable to schedule appointment and be placed in walk in status. Walk in status is a patient seen only if time is available between scheduled clients.

When you need medication refills, please call registration at 269-782-4141 or 888-440-1234 and dial "0" or ext. 321 at least 2 weeks in advance of you running out of your medications. Please only speak with a registration staff member and let them know the names of all your medications you need refills on. Because we only have providers at the health office for a couple of days during the week, we need a 2 week advance notice to dispense the medications for you. Our providers need to review your chart, review any lab work you have had or will need, as well as check all the medications you are taking. The providers may need to see you before giving you your medications.

We apologize for any lengthy waiting time you may have experienced lately at the clinic and ask for your patience as we continue to strive to provide the best services to you.



Attention Pokagon Contract Health Recipients

The Pokagon Contract Health Services has moved to a new site just across the street from the Pokagon Indian Health Clinic, and during this move we are updating our claim processing program. This will take time, and in this process the contract health claims may be delayed. We are continuing to process claims as we update. This new process will help our Contract Health Services run more efficient and smoother. We ask that you please be patient and help us through this transition. Our phone numbers and extensions have not changed. If you have questions please call Becky Price, Interim Health Director at 1-888-440-1234 or 1-269-782-4141, ext. 224. We are planning an open house party soon; please watch your mail for time and date. See you then. Our new address is:

Pokagon CHS, & Outreach Program
57365 M-51 South
Dowagiac, Mi 49047

Pokagon Indian Health Clinic and Behavior Health Program remains at our main building. This address is:

Pokagon Indian Health Clinic
Pokagon Behavioral Health
57392 M51 South
Dowagiac, Mi 49047

Health Board Vacancy

Mary Jo Morris resigned her position on the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Board. Her interest in the health and well-being of membership was an asset to the Board, the Health Services Department and our clients. Thank you Mary Jo for your years of service.

There are now two vacant seats on the Pokagon Potawatomi Health Board. Members of the Board are volunteers. Membership is by appointment by Tribal Council to a two-year term.

The purpose of the Health Board is to provide advice and guidance to the Health Services Department on strategic program planning, policy development, to serve as an appeals board and to assist Tribal Council in related areas as Council so directs.

If you are interested in being appointed to the Health Board, please submit your name and number to the Health Board Acting Chairperson, Marie Willis, the Interim Health Director, Becky Price or Health Department Administrative Assistant Anne Schaller. You can reach the Health Department at 269-782-4141 or toll-free at 888-440-1234.

Health Board meetings generally are open meetings. The meetings will be held at the Pokagon Band CHS and Outreach building, 57365 M-51 South in Dowagiac, Michigan.

Walk the Path Update

Extra! Extra! Walk the Path—the pretend walk around Lake Huron is now extended to next April, 2009. If you are searching for an incentive or a motivator to help you with the winter couch potato blues or the “busting out all over” feeling after the Holidays, this is the program for you. Contact Susan, dietitian, at Health Services for more information to get you started on a healthy approach to increased physical activity and wellness.

It's incredible to think that the year is coming to an end and the Holidays are here. Along with those thoughts of shopping, going to parties and family festivities, wrapping gifts, and meals on the run, many of us will have the nagging thought of unwanted “gained” pounds. By following these little tips perhaps you will make it through the season with fewer pounds gained, and maybe a little happier and healthier.

1. Psych yourself up: don't allow for expansion—wear your snugest clothes that don't allow your waist to expand. Leave the sweat pants in the closet.

2. Keep your back to the food. This may seem obvious but don't stand and watch the buffet table at parties or even stand close to it. Scan the table for 3-4 things you will enjoy eating and save the highest calorie food for the last. You may have less chance of overeating. Go for the protein foods as they are more filling, higher in iron, and rich in lycopene.

3. Pace yourself. Eat slowly by taking smaller bites, chewing and swallowing thoroughly, drinking water between bites, or even putting the fork down. Wolfing down food usually equals an additional 70 calories for one meal. This can add up to a 14 ½ ounce wt gain in just 45 days alone.

4. Write it down. According to the National Weight Loss Registry, the more food records a person kept, the more weight lost. E-mail to yourself what it is that you ate a work during the day or use [www. MyPyramid.gov](http://www.MyPyramid.gov) food tracker to help you keep a food diary.

5. Get moving. Yes its true calories in and calories out. Think exercising in “minutes.” Ten minutes is better than nothing and three-ten minute sessions a day equals a 30 minute workout. Remember the fitness equipment available to you at the Health Services office. Call Susan at 782-4141 to learn more about it.

6. Liquid calories count. These can really sneak up on a person. Eggnog, coffee drinks with whipped cream, hot toddies, spiced rum can all have as many calories as a personal sized pan pizza! In addition, many of them are just calories without any nutritional value in them at all.

7. What's a good plan to beat the Holiday 8 to 10 pound weight gain? FIBER! Think about eating 5 or more fruits and vegetables a day before you let yourself indulge in high, empty calorie holiday treats. If it works out for you, you may not have anything to loose that second week of January. Good health is the best gift we can give ourselves.

Happy Holidays!



ATTENTION: POKAGON BAND MEMBERS

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution on April 3, 2007 to enact the Supplemental Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to address a recognized need in the Pokagon Band community and to ensure the general welfare of qualified Members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. This program is intended to supplement, but not replace, federal, state, and county assistance programs. Should you have any questions or would like to apply for this program call: The Social Services Department at 1-800-517-0777 or 269-782-8998.

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent?

Who can become a foster parent? We are in need of diverse foster parents! Our children come from diverse homes, and are in need of parents who can relate to their cultural heritage. You can become a foster parent if you are willing to provide quality care for children, and have an appropriate home to meet the needs of specific children.

Why does MICWA need foster homes? Native American children are removed from their natural homes at a rate of 15-20 times higher than other American children. While specific efforts are made to place children in Native American homes, there are not enough licensed families to do so. MICWA needs loving families to open their homes to these children. Our agency assists families with materials to learn about the Native American culture, and to encourage the enrichment of the child's own heritage. Non-Native American individuals are welcomed to be a part of our foster parenting program.

Why should I become a foster parent? Many children are placed in foster care on a daily basis, due to abuse and/or neglect. Without the stability of a loving home, these children are constantly moving from place to place, and are often left with no opportunity to form positive, loving and nurturing relationships with their caregivers. We are in need of safe homes willing to provide quality care for our children.

What does a foster child look like? Foster children are just like any other children, although they have experienced some type of abuse or neglect. Many of our children are aged 0-10 years old, however, we do have a need for foster parents who are willing to care for teenaged foster children. Many of our children are part of sibling groups, and every effort is made to keep the siblings in the same home. When sibling groups are split into different homes, it creates a difficult situation for the children, and the sensitivity of the foster parents is extremely important. Foster children are each individually unique, and may have identified special needs. These children are especially in need of loving foster parents who are willing to provide a nurturing environment, even when the children are not able to

respond positively. Some children may have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, others may have specific physical needs. Although each child is different, they are all in need of nurturing adults to care for them.

What does it cost to become a foster parent? There are no fees involved in becoming a foster parent. There may be some out-of-pocket expenses to complete the medical clearances required for members of the household. However, after completing the licensing process, you do receive a per diem rate to assist with caring for the needs of the child in your care. Additionally, foster parents are allowed clothing allowances and a Medicaid card for each child to cover medical and dental expenses.

Are there any requirements for maintaining a foster home license? Yes. Foster parents are given a provisional license for the first six months. During these six months, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of P.R.I.D.E. training, and orientation. When the P.R.I.D.E. training is completed, foster parents may then have foster children placed in their home. Additionally, foster parents are required to complete 12 hours of training during the next two years that they have a license. After two years, a foster parent is then required to have 6 hours of training each year to maintain the foster home license.

How can I become a foster parent? Contact the closest MICWA office to your home, and ask to speak with the licensing worker. You will be sent an initial inquiry packet, and a licensing worker will contact you to set up an orientation. The licensing process includes a home study, references, physicals, and clearance requests for criminal activity. The licensing process will take approximately 2-4 months from the time an application is submitted.

Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency:
800.880.2089 or 616.454.9221



LIHEAP FY 2009



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The Social Services Department is accepting applications for LIHEAP. Remember this program is designed to provide a one time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. *The program is designed to assist members living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.*

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782-8998 or 1-800-517-0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782-4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
 1. 2007 or 2008 income tax return and/or
 2. Proof of last 30 days of income, including Per Capita and/or
 3. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc...) and/or
 4. Child Support Received or paid or
 5. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- *Providers Bill.*
- Tribal identification is also needed.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Income Limit</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 28,310 |
| 2 | 37,021 |
| 3 | 45,732 |
| 4 | 54,443 |
| 5 | 63,154 |
| 6 | 71,865 |

**** For family units of more than 6 members, add 3% to 132% for each additional member, and multiply the new percentage by \$54,443.**

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Carol Martin Dec. 5
Happy Birthday Johnny Parker Dec. 9
Love Aunt Stella



Happy 5th Birthday
Sierra Mary Jane! We are very proud of
you and love you very much!
Love always, Mom, Buddy, and Marlie

Happy belated 22nd Birthday, Lee Lee!
Nov. 20
I love you mom.
From Lisa

Happy Birthday Dawn Shifflett
Dec 21
Love, Aunt Stella

Happy Birthday to my children.
Karen Spicher Dec. 17
Tim Heffington Dec 19
Cindy Dec 23
Marsha Brown Dec 24

Love Mom



Abbigale June Morris
Born Oct. 10, 2008 at 10:12AM
7 lbs. 13 oz. 19.5"

Happy Birthday!!!
Misty Weaver-12/12
Love, Kathy



Happy Birthday to Merriam Grubb (9 years old)
From Mommica and Big Daddy

Congratulations, Brett Parker for completing
high school equivalent.
Love Mom.



Happy 11th Birthday to Jeri Williams
Love Mom and Dad, brothers Jonathan,
Joseph, sisters Katherine, Jana,
and Princess Julie

Happy Birthday Dec 14 to my
twin grandbabies.
Madisyn and Michael
Love Grandma Heffington

Happy Birthday Sis!!!
Carol Martin-12/5
Love you, Kat

Happy Birthday!!!
Johnny Parker-12/9
Love you, Kathy

Happy Birthday
Aunt Marie
Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney



Happy 19th Birthday Garrison Harold Grubb
Love Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday
Katie Morseau
Love, Martha Ann, Josh, and
Sydney

Happy Belated 20th Birthday
Danni Rapp
Love, Aunt Martha, Josh, and
Sydney

Happy Birthday Amanda Spicher Dec 26
Love Grandma Stella

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!
From the Pokagon Newsletter Staff (of 1)

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY
Cheyenne Harmon
Dec. 29th
With All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Alexis, Cody
and your guardian angel
Grammy

HAPPY 39th BIRTHDAY
(December 31st)
JOHN JACOB HOEKSTRA
WE LOVE YOU



You've been 1,2,3, & 4. Now it's
time to be 5!
And we are just excited
as your are....
Happy Birthday Gigyago!
Love, Your family



We would like to welcome the birth of our
son, Tade Rick, born October 3, 2008 8
lbs. 7 oz., to our family. Also, we would like
to congratulate Big brother, Aidan Rick,
you are such a great big brother.
We love you both, Mommy and Daddy

Happy 19th Birthday
Taylor Morseau
Love, Aunt Martha, Uncle Josh,
and Sydney

Happy Birthday!!!
John Hoekstra-12/21
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday Marie Manley,
Dec. 29th. We love you and are
so thankful for all you do for us! I
know that daddy is watching over
you from above!

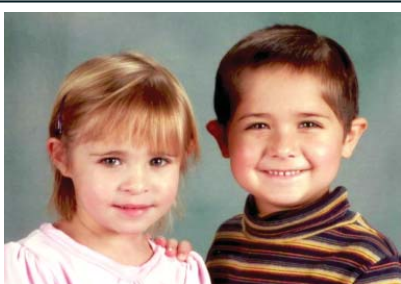
Love, Melissa, Tony, Michael, Rich-
ard, and Tori

Happy Birthday!!!
Jake Wallin- 12/26
Love, Kathy

Happy Birthday Evelyn (Morsaw) Miller
Love Always, John, Angie, Kathryn,
Isabella, Steven, and Shane Miller

Happy Birthday!!!
Dawn Shiflett-12/21
Chad Gillan-12/21
Love you, Aunt Kathy &
Uncle Mike

Happy Belated Birthday
Margaret Rapp
Love, Martha, Josh, and Sydney



Happy belated 5th birthday to
Ethan and Emily
November 20, 2003

Language Corner Hunting Terms

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Buck | Yabe |
| Doe | Nijan |
| Antlers | Ashknkn |
| Gun | Basksegen |
| Cartridges or shells | Nwin |
| Hunting knife | Giwse Koman |
| Buckshot | Wabzhagen |
| Muzzle Loader | Zhemati |
| It is hunting season | Giwsewnget |
| He/she is hunting | Giwse |
| I am going to go out hunting. | Nwi pa giwse. |

Gun Lake classes are Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm at the
community center in Gun lake.

Huron classes are Tuesday nights from 7-9pm at the community
center in Athens, MI.

Pokagon classes are Thursday nights from 7-9pm at the Dowagiac
Education on Dec 11th.

South Bend office classes are on Dec 4th and 18th from 7-9pm. Catch
a ride at Education. Van leaves at 5:30pm, please bring money for
dinner. Please call if you plan to ride, due to limited room in the van.

Elder's classes are held at Elders hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of
the month at 11:00am.

NO CLASS DEC 25TH AND JAN 1ST DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

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58620 Sink Rd.
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**Health Services /
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57392 M 51 South
(269) 782-4141 /
Toll Free (888) 440-1234
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**Resource Development/
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32142 Edwards Street
(269) 782-9602 Phone
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Toll Free (888) 330-1234
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Finance Department
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(269) 782-8998 /
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FAX (269) 782-1028

Enrollment
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-1763 /
Toll Free (888) 782-1001
FAX (269) 782-1964

Commodities
(269) 782-3372 /
Toll Free (888) 281-1111
FAX (269) 782-7814

Head Start
58620 Sink Rd.
(269) 783-0026/
(866)-250-6573
FAX (269) 782-9795

South Bend Area Office
310 W. Mc Kinley Ave. Suite 300
Mishawaka, IN. 46545
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Toll Free (800) 737-9223
FAX (574) 255-2974

Housing Department
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Toll Free (877) 983-0385
FAX (269) 783-0452

Tribal Court
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(269) 783-0505 /
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Tribal Police
58155 M-51 South
(269) 782-2232 /
Toll Free (866-399-0161)
FAX (269) 782-7988

Election
32142 Edwards St.
(269) 782-9475 /
Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Spouses Of Tribal Members Can Now Apply for The Temporary Staffing Pool!

The Pokagon Band Temporary Pool will begin accepting applications not only from Tribal Members but also their spouses. Native American preference still applies, meaning, the spouses will be considered if a Pokagon Band member is unavailable for the position.

The temporary positions pay \$8.50 per hour.

Tribal Members interested in assisting with filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis are encouraged to call Lori Harris at (269) 782-8998 or 800-517-0777. Employment applications are available at the Pokagon Band Administration Office at 58620 Sink Road Dowagiac.

Applicants must pass the following background checks:

Criminal background Motor vehicle report
Work history References
Tribal membership (spouse of enrolled tribal member)
DSH clearance (if applicable)

You must submit to and pass a Drug and Alcohol Test.

Temporary personnel will be subject to applicable rules of the Pokagon Band Personnel Policy Handbook.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Membership to occasionally supplement their income, gain experience while, aiding us in continuing smooth delivery of services.

Please call for an appointment today!



HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS IS SEEKING TO UPDATE RECORDS FOR INDIAN-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. ANYONE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT 783-0443.

Pokagon Band Administrative Office
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Dowagiac, MI 49047